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PROTOPOROS

NO. IT MIGHT BE MORE CORRECT TO SAY

ALL THINGS WITH A SHAPE AND FORM BREAK...

ALL THINGS WITH A SHAPE AND FORM GET BROKEN BY PEOPLE.

CHAPTER 407

THE 2(BAN) ISLAND THROWN INTO CHAOS

REPEAT.

BUILD.

REPEAT.

AND BREAK.

AND REPEAT.

BUILD.

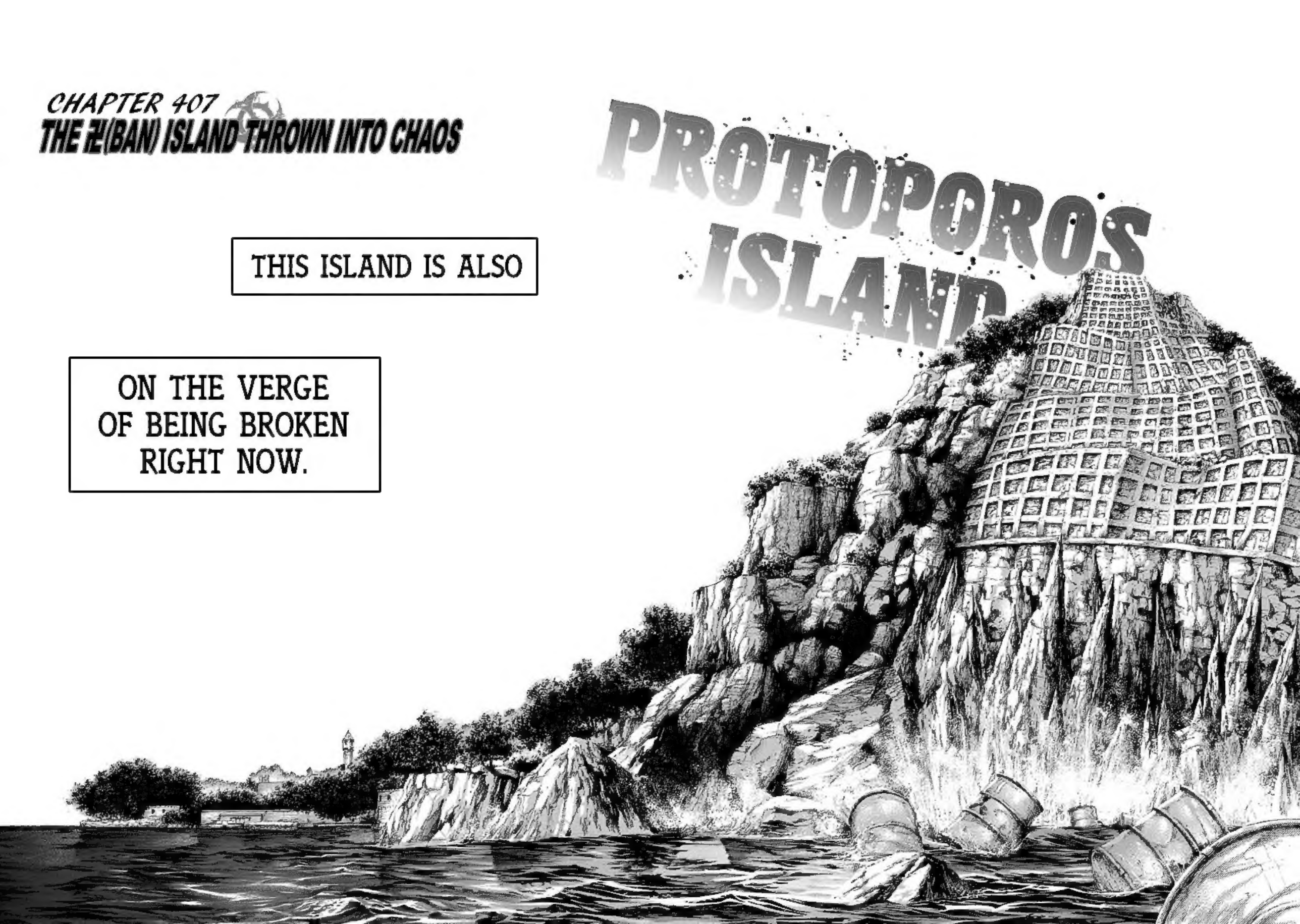
BUT PEOPLE ALSO

CHAPTER 407

THE 卍(BAN) ISLAND THROWN INTO CHAOS

THIS ISLAND IS ALSO

ON THE VERGE OF BEING BROKEN RIGHT NOW.



THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO BUILT THE ISLAND.

PS PROTOPOROS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

THIS IS

6 YEARS AGO

I'LL GIVE YOU 50 BILLION FIRST...

YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH IF YOU NEED MORE.

RICHARD ARATA.

GOD,

GO...

GRIVIA ISLAND?

AFTER RICHARD ARATA SOLD THE COMPANY,

AND DISAPPEARED WITHOUT LEAVING ANY TRACES.

YOU GUYS HAVE ALSO BEEN FEELING IRRITABLE AND RESTLESS, HAVEN'T YOU?

WHAT...

ARE YOU SAYING?

I AM PLANNING TO CREATE THE WORLD OF THE GAME "PROTOPOROS" ON THAT ISLAND...

HELP ME.

HUH!?

TONS OF MONEY WASTED BY THOSE GUYS, RIGHT, CHIEF DAIBA?

SIGH~ WHAT A SHAME.

YES.

ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO BE A RESORT ISLAND, THE PROJECT WAS ABANDONED DUE TO MULTIPLE ACCIDENTS.

I BOUGHT IT.

FOR 1 BILLION.

HUH!?

DAIBA-KUN,

THESE ARE THE WORDS YOU SAID WHEN ENTERING THE COMPANY:

WHAT

YOU JUST SHOWED UP ALL OF A SUDDEN AND SAID SUCH A...

ARE YOU SAYING, RICHARD ARATA?

"ENJOYING THE FUN IN PLAYING ALONE,"

"PLAYING THE SAME GAME OVER AND OVER AGAIN,"

"SO PEOPLE HAVE ALSO FORGOTTEN THE PLEASURE OF THOROUGHLY PLAYING ONE GAME."

"GOING TOO FAR WITH ANY OF THESE THREE THINGS WOULD BE A BURDEN TO THE PLAYERS."

"DIVERSITY, SPECS, AND QUALITY,"

"THAT'S THE REAL CHARM OF GAMES."

"I ENTERED THIS COMPANY IN ORDER TO CREATE SUCH A GAME."

"THERE IS TOO MUCH ENTERTAIN-MENT NOWADAYS,"

IT SEEMS YOUR HEART

HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL SINCE THEN?

YET, YOU STILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE FIRST GENERATION EDITION OF PROTOPOROS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, DON'T YOU?

!!

...THAT'S JUST A STORY FROM THE PAST.

THAT ERA IS OVER.

I'VE REALIZED ...THAT SUCH A GAME DOES NOT SELL.

THE DARK PUZZLE OF THE REAL PROTOPOROS...

I WANT TO BRING LIGHT TO

WHATEVER IT COSTS ME,

TO BRING LIGHT TO IT, SINCE IT'S YOU...

I WANT YOU...

BUT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS, I NEVER SUFFERED.

DONE THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR,

EVERY-THING WAS

EVEN MORE ALIVE THAN WHEN I WAS CREATING VIDEO GAMES.

THAT I FELT SO ALIVE,

CINDERELLA CASTLE

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME...

TOGETHER WITH COMRADES I COULD TRUST,

CINDERELLA CASTLE

IT'S ALRIGHT...

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT...

AND I BURDENED MYSELF WITH IT ALONE... THIS ISLAND'S DARKNESS.

STEADI-LY...

CARE-FULLY,

I LET THEM HANDLE THE GAME'S PROGRESS.

THE WORLD WAS CREATED.

CLACK CLACK

MANA-GER DAIBA.

IT SEEMS HE CAPTURED KAKEROU'S HEAD.

UNDERSTOOD. I'LL GO IMMEDIATELY.

THE SINGLE TASK SPECIALIST, "ARAHATA", RETURNED.

WHAT'S WRONG?

THIS IS A SACRILEGE.

GOD.

SOMEONE PERSONALLY DELIVERED ELECTRIC SHOCKS.

EVEN THOUGH THE GAME HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE UNIFICATION.

.....
I KNOW.

HE

ENDED UP CHANGING... AFTER BURDENING HIMSELF WITH THE ISLAND'S DARKNESS.

DAIBA WAS THE ONE WHO DID IT, GOD.

DAIBA HAS BANK NOTES?

INDEED.

A "BANK-NOTE".

I'LL PICK IT UP MYSELF

IT'S AL-RIGHT!

THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE I AM WORRIED ABOUT.

AND,

SAID HE "SAW"

ENDOU FROM THE NEUTRAL DIVISION

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IT WAS QUITE AN UNUSUAL BANK NOTE, ONE HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

AND HE SAID

THERE IS A PROBABILITY THAT HE'S ALREADY SOLD THIS ISLAND.

I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S MONEY FROM THE COUNTRY HE PLANS TO ESCAPE TO.

WHA ...!?

DAIBA,

WHAT'S WRONG, GOD?

.....

HE RUSHED TO HIS SELF PROTECTION.

THIS IS QUITE SAD, BUT,

AND ACTIVATE "MY VEST" RIGHT NOW.

HURRY

THAT'S WHY HE'D HAVE SO MUCH FOREIGN CURRENCY.

GOD.

UNDER-STOOD.

FROM NOW ON, DO NOT LET DAIBA OUT OF YOUR SIGHT. HE IS PLANNING SOMETHING.

WE GOT THESE

THIS IS...?

FROM THE "OUTLAWS".

WHY...?

HAVE SUCH A BANKNOTE ...?

"OUTLAWS" ...? WHY WOULD "OUTLAWS"

ヒラ…

…

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S HEARTLESS TO RUN AWAY AND LEAVE AN OLD LADY WHILE SHE'S BEING SHOCKED?

DID WELL FINDING THIS PLACE.

YOU...

YOU...

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF "HUGER" ...

WHAT AN AMOUNT.

ARE THESE ALL FILLED WITH THIS KIND OF BANKNOTE?

IT WASN'T TOO HARD BY FOLLOWING YOUR TRACES

BUY A WHOLE COUNTRY...?

PLAN TO...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THE WAGER WAS TO CONTROL THE "OUTLAWS"...

TOO BAD.

THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO KEEP FOLLOWING ME AROUND

I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALL THE DEMANDS FROM MADARAME.

I AM NOT AN "OUTLAW" ANYMORE.

WHERE DID THAT REFEREE GO...!?

WHAT!?

!!

MANAGER DAIBA.

DON'T TELL ME HE RAN AWAY...

WHAT IS THIS THING...?

ENDOU!! IT WAS YOU!?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

DID YOU... SELL THIS ISLAND, MANAGER DAIBA!?

FOREIGN CAPITAL IS STILL FLOWING TOWARDS ITS LANDS.

WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU HAVE THE MONEY OF SUCH A COUNTRY!?

I FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY AFTER RESEARCHING ON MY OWN

EVEN THOUGH THE COFFERS OF THE STATE ARE ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY,

WHY WOULD I DO SUCH A THING!?

I AM AN EX-FINANCIAL ANALYST.

"PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HUGER".

HE'S NOT A "PLAYER", NOR AN "OUTLAW WHO USED TO BE A PLAYER" BUT AN "ISLAND INTRUDER"

THANKS TO THE REPORT OF THE "PLAYERS"

WE ARE NOW PURSUING AN INTRUDER

CON-CLUDED!

BAN

WE'LL KEEP ON SEARCH-ING.

ARE DYING FOR US.

WHILE OUR DECOYS

PLEASE DO IT QUICKLY~

SO ONE-SIDED...

THEY ARE INTRUDERS!! QUICKLY GO TO THAT SPOT!

THERE ARE NO PLAYERS AROUND THERE.

WE HAVE DETECTED AN ILLEGAL CONNECTION TO THE SYSTEM!

MORE-OVER,

USOGUI'S TEAM MEMBERS, WHO HAD ALREADY KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN, ARE ALREADY HIDDEN.

YOU GUYS ARE NOW BEING HUNTED BY BOTH THE "DEVELOPERS" AND US, KAKEROU.

IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THEM BY ONE'S OWN MEANS.

FLIPPING TABLES IN ANGER, OR BECOMING DEFIANT, SUCH UNFRUITFUL BEHAVIORS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN USELESS STRUGGLES.

WILL IT BE POSSIBLE IF HE HAS A DETAILED PLAN?

CAN A PERSON TAKE HIS MONEY BACK BY FORCE RIGHT AFTER HE LOSES IN A CASINO?

WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS NOTHING MORE THAN HARASSMENT... FOR THEM, THIS IS...

ESPECIALLY BECAUSE NOW THAT THE JCG HAS STARTED PATROLLING, HAVING REINFORCEMENTS JOIN THE ISLAND IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE.

ELIMINATING ALL THE REFEREES WITH HASTILY SUMMONED TALENTS IS A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM.

AN ALREADY LOST-WAR...

I HAVE TO FIND A NEW ONE QUICKLY.

IT SEEMS MY RECEIVER ENDED UP BREAKING AFTER THAT ELECTRIC SHOCK..

HAVE BECAME QUITE STRANGE.

MAYBE ALL OF DAIBA'S RECKLESS ACTS PROVOKED NEW RIVALRIES?

SOMEHOW, THE "DEVELOPERS"

ISN'T OVER YET!!

THIS MATCH

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

TO BRING DAIBA PUNISH-MENT,

FIRST OF ALL,

WILL KEEP ON RUNNING AS PER THE PROGRAMMING CODE.

THE SYSTEM

BOTH "GOD'S" AND "DAIBA'S" PASSWORDS ARE REQUIRED.

IN ORDER TO "CHANGE" IT,

RE-ALLOCATION

ALLOCATING...

KING CANDIDATE GOD HAS

TIPA

AZURA

SHOUDO

DESCENDED.

LV100 ARATA

LV80 MADARAME BK

LV80 CHAMP

LV80 RYUUSEI

CHAPTER 408

SURPRISE ATTACKS AND SURPRISE ATTACKS AND SURPRISE ATTACKS

HELLO,

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

AH,

I AM ALRIGHT.

REALLY? GREAT. SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU IN HERE,

WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL RIGHT NOW.

MY NAME IS "NOBUO", NICE TO MEET YOU. HOW IS THE RIDE SO FAR?

SORRY AS THERE IS NOT MUCH ROOM.

NOBUKO-CHAN'S BODY IS STILL SHOWING A REACTION TO THE DRUGS, AND TROUBLES CONTINUE TO APPEAR AT SEA,

WELL...

AH,

WE, KAKEROU, TOOK ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING YOU BACK SAFELY.

AND SINCE THE BOAT FROM THE DEVELOPERS IS ALSO UNSAFE,

IT IS

EXTREMELY NICE.

SUB-MARINE!?

A..

!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE RIDDEN... SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

DOES THIS

COUNT AS PROTECTING ME?

THE GAMBLE WHERE I BET MY ISLAND EXILING.

DO NOT HAVE ANY PLACE TO GO BACK TO.

WHAT?

HAL-KUN.

I...

I DO NOT HAVE ANY PLACE TO COME HOME TO, NOR DO I WANT TO GO HOME.

I HAVE MY OWN REASONS.

IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE I LOVE GAMES.

SINCE I ARRIVED ON THIS ISLAND.

IT WILL SOON BE ONE YEAR

EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, THIS PLACE

IS NOT THE PLACE YOU SHOULD BE.

I...

NOBUKO,

YOU SHOULD KNOW IT ALREADY.

I...

HAL-KUN,

AM REALLY SCARED...

FROM NOW ON,

WHAT ARE YOU

GOING TO DO

ON THAT ISLAND, HAL-KUN?

SO FIRST,

GO BACK

AND WAIT FOR ME.

GO HOME.

I

PROMISED THAT I WILL PROTECT YOU.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME~

カイザーフェスタ

*KAISER FESTIVAL

YO~

THE 24TH

1ST DAY OF THE KAISER FESTIVAL

HICCUP

HAVING A GOOD DRINK?

YEAH~

A FESTI-VAL!!

THIS IS A FESTIVAL!

YEAH, I KNOW. RIGHT?

THAT'S STUPID.

EVERYONE IS HIDING IT.

THEY DON'T WANT TO BRING IT.

BUT,

AH~ I'M TIRED FROM ALL THE PREPARATIONS~

DON'T YOU THINK

THERE'S NOT MUCH FOOD?

THAT'S BECAUSE OF, YOU KNOW.

HE WAS HIDING ALL THE DELICIOUS FOOD!!

SHUT UP!! THIS GUY!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

SH-

2ND DAY OF THE FESTIVAL

THE 25TH

WAH!

カイザー

HAHA...

WHY AREN'T YOU MOVING?

HEY,

YOU... YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?

RIGHT!

YEAH!

NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE!

THAT'S FUCKED UP!

...

SOME OF WHICH

WERE THE ONES WHO HAD REASONS FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO GO HOME

BUT SOME STAYED.

IT WASN'T ME!

I DON'T KNOW ANY THING ABOUT THIS!

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE

WANTED TO LEAVE THE ISLAND.

OF THIS CHAOS,

WITHIN THE MIDST

MOST OF THEM,

BUT

THE ABSURD WORLD OF THE GAME

BECAME AN ABSURD REALITY...

THIS WASN'T THE FAULT OF THE DRUGS

WERE "EXCITED".

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GEEZ,

GIVE ME A BREAK!!

GULP...

WHAT THE HELL?

OUCH

THE DISTOR-TION

WHICH WAS SLEEPING IN THEIR HEARTS.

STARTED TO SHOW UP...

THEY ARE IN THERE.

A SMALL HOUSE BESIDE THE TOWN...

THESE ARE ISLAND INTRUDERS.

THEY'RE STILL ILLEGALLY CONNECTING TO THE DEVELOPERS' SERVER, AND NO SIGNS OF ANY "PLAYERS" AROUND.

NO.

LET'S WAIT FOR SUPPORT.

WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM ARE INSIDE.

DON'T YOU GET IT?

WHAT!?

THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE REPORT OF SUCCESSFULLY SUPPRESSING AN "ILLEGAL CONNECTION" SCENE.

UNTIL NOW,

TURN THIS HOUSE INTO A BEE HIVE RIGHT NOW

WITH ALL THE GUNS WE HAVE.

SINGLE TASK SPECIALIST, ABIRU

THIS IS A TRAP.

DON'T YOU GET IT?

YOU CAN ONLY DO IT

WITHIN THE TIME SPAN THAT I FIGHT THAT MAN.

HUNDRED DRAGONS

IDEAL **BĂI LÓNG**

VS

DEVELOPERS, SINGLE TASK SPECIALIST **ABIRU**

WE SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO EXTRACT

THE DEVELO-PERS' TABLET.

THE DEVELOPERS HQ LOCATION.

WITH THIS, NOT ONLY WILL WE BE ABLE TO CHECK THE "PLAYERS" INFORMATION,

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!!

BLINK

• • •

THIS IS IT, RIGHT, TORPE?

HERE,

MR. BĂI LÓNG, GOOD JOB.

!!

PHEW~

CRACK

CRACK

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

IT SEEMS I BROKE A BONE.

BECAUSE I GOT HIM BY SURPRISE, I MANAGED TO GET AWAY WITH JUST THIS.

THE DEVELO-PERS

ARE NOT EASY TO DEAL WITH.

HOWEVER, TO "ENTER THE GAME'S SYSTEM"

AND "REWRITE THE CODE OF THE PROGRAM".

IT SEEMS WE NEED "TWO PASSWORDS".

EVERY-
ONE
AT THE
SCENE

PERFECT
LY

WAS

!!

ATTACKED
BY SURPR SE
RIGHT AFTER
THEY
DR PPED
THEIR GUARD

OF THE NUMBER ZERO WERE SAYING

THE EYES

THIS IS THE PRICE FOR ILLEGALLY ENTERING THE 卍(BAN).

FOR ENTERING THIS FORBIDDEN SACRED PLACE.

IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE SAYING, THIS IS THE PUNISHMENT

WE...

WE'RE DONE FOR~!!

THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO WITHSTAND THE TEMPEST.

COULD FIGHT AGAINST THE TEMPEST

NO ONE

AND THE PRICE OF LETTING THEIR GUARD DOWN. UNTIL IT ENDS.

YOU'RE CURRENTLY THE CLOSEST TO THE TARGETS.

NUMBER ZERO,

WE'LL GO ALL-IN FIGHTING THEM.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE JUMP ON THEM.

ORDER OF PURSU
ILLEGAL CONNECT

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THEY WOULD NEVER THINK THAT A REFEREE WOULD APPEAR TOGETHER WITH THE "PURSUERS FROM THE DEVELOPERS" RIGHT AFTER OUR AGREEMENT WAS BROKEN

THE SHOCK OF THE DEVELOPERS DID HARM US, BUT IT ACTUALLY ALSO GAVE US SOME ADVANTAGES.

SUCH AS

GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO "BORROW" THIS TABLET.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PLAYER, MADARAME.

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PUZZLE OF CHAOS

NO WAY!

IT... IT'S A REFEREE!! WE GOT DEMOLISHED INSTANTLY!!

THOSE VETERANS GOT KILLED SO EASILY... AAAAAH!!

WITHIN THIS BLINK OF AN EYE.

WHAT ACTIONS THEY SHOULD TAKE

"JONES THE NECK CUTTER" AND "SODA MAKER"!!

DURING THIS INSTANT OF CHAOS.

THE ONES STILL ALIVE HAVE TO DECIDE

ALLOWED THE NUMBER ZERO TO ACT MORE QUICKLY AND DEADLIER THAN THEY COULD PREPARE FOR.

SUCH A STRATE-GY

AAH...

AH...

THEIR FACES ARE FUCKED UP~

THEY'LL PROBABLY NEVER RECOVER AGAIN...

WITH THAT...

TERRIBLE.

AN INSTANT

SURPRISE ATTACK.

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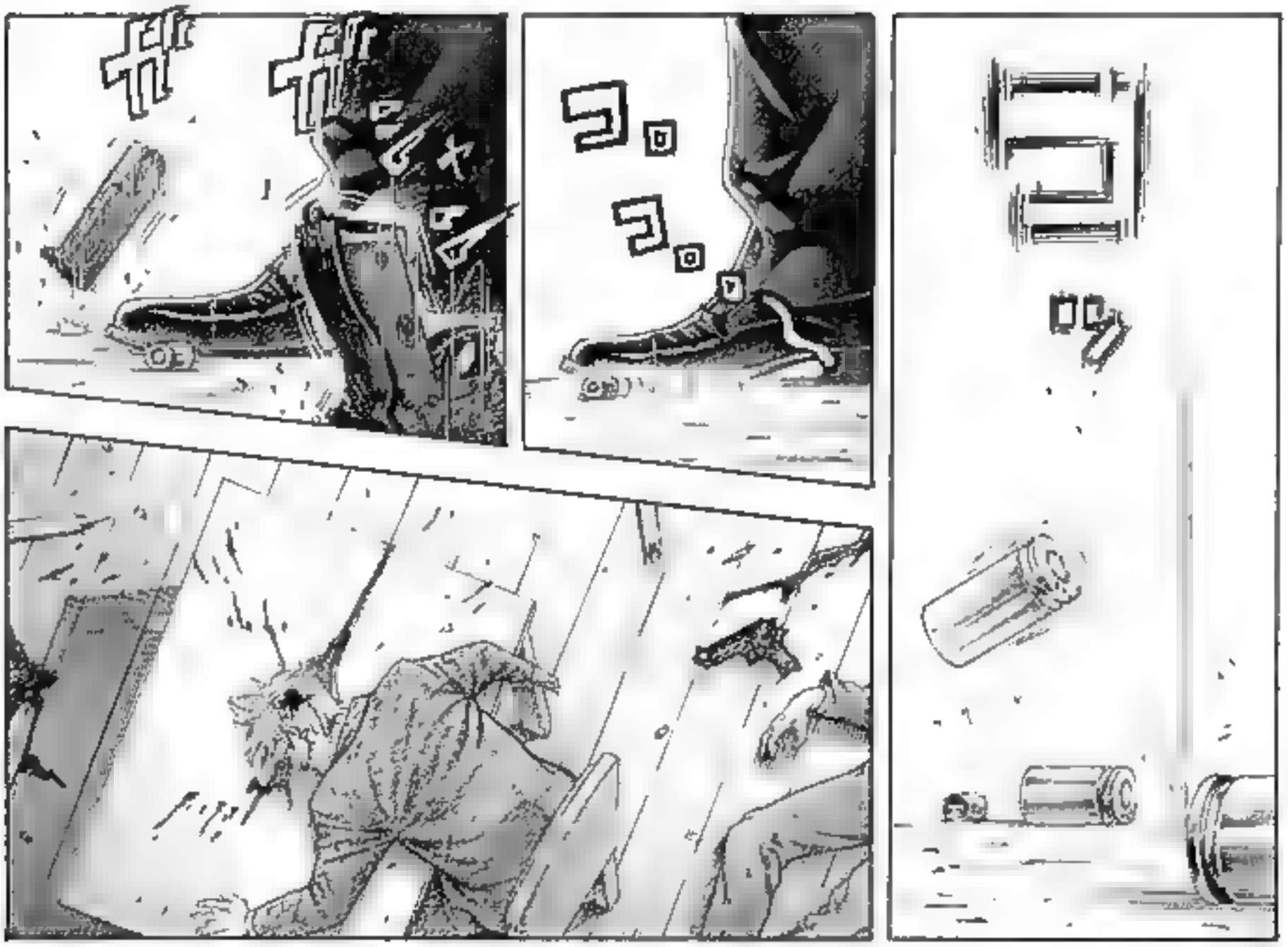
PUZZLE OF CHAOS

MR. BĂI LÓNG...



PERFECTLY ATTACKED THESE EXPERTS IN THEIR UNGUARDED MOMENT

ZERO

IT ONLY LASTED FOR AN INSTANT.

NO...

SO THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHERS LIKE US. WHO ARE STILL ALIVE..

HOW MANY DIED?

4 OR 5 MAYBE?

AND,

BY MAKING USE OF THE STRONG MEN SENT BY THE "DEVELOPERS".

HE ERASED HIS PRESENCE COMPLETELY.

...

?

HIS TURN

IS NOW OVER.

UH...

!!

UUH...

AH...

MR. BÄI LÓNG,

LET'S SEE,

WE HAVE TO RELY ON YOU NOW...

THOSE REFEREES.

WHAT THEY ARE MADE OF...

HIT

THEY RAN AWAY...

INDEED...

THE REFEREE'S TURN HAD ENDED,

IMBECILE.... THIS RETREAT IS DUE TO YOU BEING A BURDEN.

WE CAN'T TAKE SUCH RISKS FOR ANY LONGER, PLEASE ENDURE IT, MR. BÀI LÓNG...

YES,

I KNOW SUCH A THING.

LET'S HOPE THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WERE ABLE TO RUN AWAY.

THAT IT WAS OUR TURN EITHER.

IT DIDN'T NECES-SARILY MEAN

EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE,

THAT PERSON, HUH...

REFEREES...

ARE ALL LIKE

WE ARE NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM BEING ANNIHILATED... RIGHT NOW, THIS MISSION RELIES ON THIS TABLET AND THE LAPTOP...

NO,

TRYING TO ELIMINATE ALL OF US IN ONE GO...

REFEREES ARE TO BE FEARED.

New Pla

I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T GET HURT.

UNDER-STOOD, REFEREE YAKOU.

TOUCH

TOUCH

PLEASE DON'T TOUCH IT, MARCO-SAN.

HEY, HEY,

I HOPE THEY WILL TRY TO DO ANOTHER "ILLEGAL CONNECTION" AGAIN, OR THAT SOME "PLAYERS" CAN GIVE US SOME INFORMATION ON THEM.

HOW MANY "卍(BAN) INTRUDERS" ARE THERE LEFT?

HE COULDN'T ANNIHILATE THEM ALL....

JUST LIKE HOW YOUR "VEST" WILL BE DETECTED BY THE NETWORK, YOU CAN CONNECT TO THE NETWORK WITH THE TABLETS AS LONG AS YOU'RE INSIDE THE RANGE OF AN ACCESS POINT.

WITH THIS TABLET, WE CAN SEE IN A GLANCE WHERE THE LOCATION OF AN "ILLEGAL CONNECTION" IS, AND ALSO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE "DEVELOPERS".

AZURA

TIPA

THE NETWORKS ON THE ISLAND,

DID YOU FIND RICHARD ARATA?

REFEREE MITAKA,

IT'S ME.

CLACK CLACK

WE HAVEN'T FINISHED TALKING, MANAGER!!

DON'T RUN AWAY!!

ANNOYING!!

I'M GOING RIGHT NOW!!

GOT IT!! THROW HIM INTO THE *PANOPTICON!

*A CIRCULAR SHAPED PRISON, DESIGNED SO THAT INMATES ACT AS IF THEY ARE ALWAYS BEING WATCHED BY A GUARD.

ENDOO OOOOO OOOOU

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT BANK NOTE!!

BUT...

IT WOULD BE UNBELIEV-ABLE FOR ME TO BETRAY YOU GUYS... BELIEVE IN ME!

YOU UNDER-STAND IT, DON'T YOU? THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK NEEDED TO KEEP THE ISLAND GOING!

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN THE SYSTEMS DIVISION, YOU'RE THE CLOSEST TO ME!

I'VE BEEN LEAVING THE NEUTRAL AREA'S WORK TO YOU, WHICH IS THE CLOSEST TO THIS ISLAND'S DARKNESS!

.....

...WHAT?

RING

New Player

• RAOH
• HAKA

RING

I WANT THIS ISLAND

TO BE ETERNAL...

New Player • ARATA

NEW PLAYERS ?

MADARAME'S RIGHT TO CONTROL THE OUTLAWS HAS EXPIRED, REFEREE MIDARA.

ARATA HAS TRANSITIONED FROM "OUTLAW" TO "PLAYER"...

NO, IT'S NOT ONLY ARATA.

?

A...? ARATA?

YOU MEAN RICHARD ARATA?

ARATA ?

WE DO NOT ACCEPT NEW PLAYER ENTRIES DURING THE KAISER FESTIVAL!

MORE-OVER, "ARATA" !?

WHY ARE THERE NEW PLAYERS !?

ARATA IS AN ALL-ROUND ACCOUNT

CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR GOD TO TRAVEL INCOGNITO!

A HANDLE NAME ONLY THE REAL ARATA CAN WEAR...

MANAGED TO MAKE OTHER "OUTLAWS" INTO "PLAYERS" TOO.

IT SEEMS HE SOMEHOW

THERE ARE NEW PLAYERS OTHER THAN ARATA TOO!! WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW!?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT ARATA HAS FINALLY COME TO MY ISLAND!?

"26 NEW PLAYERS" HAVE NEWLY LOGGED-ON!!

THIS IS ENOUGH DEBUGGING FOR NOW.

TO THE "REAL PROTOPOROS".

AND THEN, THE REAL RE-ALLO-CATION WILL BEGIN.

BUT, THIS ISLAND

IS A PUZZLE THAT ENDED UP DISTORTED FAR FROM THE ONE I IMAGINED.

I WILL LEAD IT

THIS ISLAND WILL NOW BE REBORN, SHAPED BY THE HAND OF GOD.

THE "BETA TEST" UNTIL NOW HAS ENDED.

FUJI-TSUBO...?

FU-

WHO ARE THEY!?

SUCH A THING...

ONLY A CHIEF DEVELOPER COULD EXECUTE IT...

IT WAS GOD.

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YEAH,

I'M WITH MR. BAI LONG.

AH,

GREAT, SO YOU SURVIVED TOO, MR. ANOMA.

嘘吹い㉘。

IT'S

THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE UNCERTAIN OF.

WHAT IS

CHAOS?

WHO IS

JUSTICE...

AND WHEN YOU'RE UNCER-TAIN,

YOU HAVE TO FACE IT,

WHAT ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE, WITHIN THIS BLINK OF AN EYE.

AND DECIDE,

CHAOS

IS SPREAD ALL AROUND THE EARTH.

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GAKUTO DIES FOR THE SECOND TIME

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HAL?

WANTS ME TO TAKE THIS BOAT?

YES... HE TOLD ME TO BRING YOU THIS.

YOU'RE SO LUCKY THAT YOU CAN GET THIS NEW TICKET TO THAT ISLAND.

YOU NEED MY HELP

TAKE THIS BOAT

AGAIN?

HACHINA !!

TO GAKUTO !

THE ONE WHO USES THIS NAME TO CALL ME. .

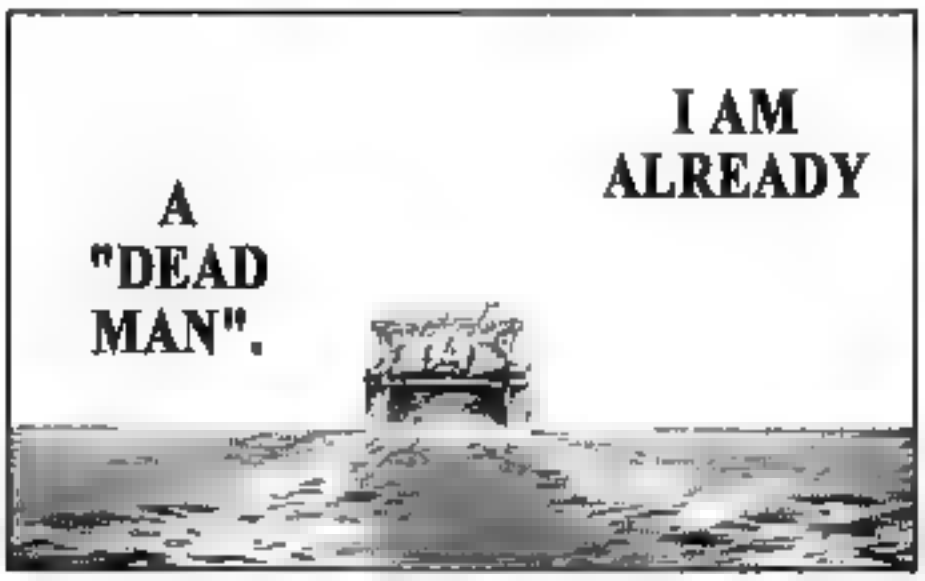
MY NAME IS

OOFUNA GAKUHITO,

THE 23RD

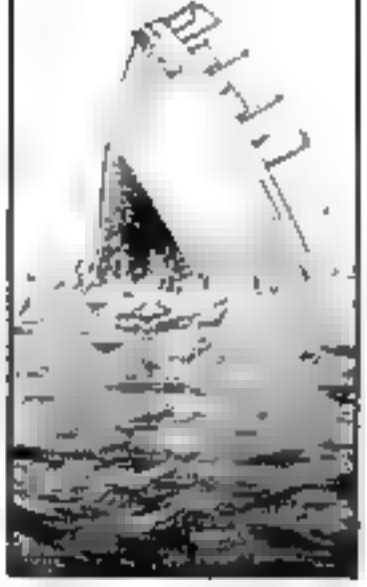
HACHINA CAN BE COUNTED AS MY COMRADE.

EVEN THOUGH HE LED ME INTO TROUBLE
(THE BOAT I TOOK WAS SUNK BY SOMEONE), I DON'T HATE HIM.



I ONLY HATE THE EVIL...

WHAT I HATE ARE THE ONES WHO DID THIS...



DYING AGAIN AND AGAIN!!

LIKE HELL I'LL ACCEPT

MAYBE I COULD HAVE SAVED ONE IN THERE IF I HAD TRIED HARDER...

IT WAS MY FAULT...

THAT I COULDN'T SAVE THEM...

THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THERE...

...

THE 25TH

AM I... GOING TO DIE HERE...?

I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE.

ALTHOUGH I FLOATED TO THE ISLAND,

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!

HEY!

NO!

YOU GOT ME WRONG!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!! CALM DOWN!

A HOUSE NEARBY

HEY!!

GRAB

I...

I CAN'T TURN BACK ANYMORE_

I'VE KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH MY OWN HANDS_

I DON'T LIKE TO FORCE OTHERS.

THEN WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING ANYTHING DOWN THERE!?

BULL-SHIT!

WAKE UP!!

YOU!!

ARE YOU OKAY?

"KINGDOM" ...?

JAPAN, OF COURSE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

"TIPA",

OR "AZURA" ?

"SHOUDO",

WHAT IS YOUR

YOU ARE THE STRANGE ONE...

WHICH "KINGDOM" ARE YOU FROM?

"KINGDOM"?

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT CAN TIE HIM UP? ALSO, PLEASE CALL THE POLICE.

YOU...

YOUR OUTFITS ARE STRANGE, IS THERE AN EVENT OR SOMETHING?

WHAT'S GOING ON...? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

WHERE AM I?

嘘喰い⑱。

TIPA? WHAT COUNTRY IS THAT?

DO THEY SPEAK JAPANESE TOO?

HOW MUCH BIOS DO YOU HAVE?

E... EXCUSE ME, DO YOU HAVE SOME FOOD? I'LL PAY THE MONEY.

ANA...?

I GOT IT. OKAY...

MY NAME IS ANASTASIA. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

A SUBURB OF "TIPA".

I'M OOFUNA GAKUHITO.

BUT I DO HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME. STAY AND EAT!

BUT THE GAME HASN'T BEEN RESET YET. I DON'T KNOW HOW OUR BIOS WILL BE COUNTED...

THIS IS... AN "ILLUSION" IN MY HEAD.

WAIT, WHY ARE YOU CRYING!?

SOBBING

ALTHOUGH WE DON'T HAVE MUCH...

THE BOAT.

I AM ALREADY DEAD...

THE REAL ME IS STILL INSIDE THAT BOAT...

SINCE WHEN?

SURPRISINGLY, IT INCLUDES REFEREE LEVEL VETERANS LIKE "SODA MAKER".

THANKS TO NUMBER ZERO'S SURPRISE ATTACK, 5 "卍(BAN) INTRUDERS" WERE PURGED.

THIS WILL SAVE US A LOT OF TROUBLE. HIKOICHI WAS AS QUICK AS THE WIND.

HE'LL SOON BE HOPELESS ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO CHANGE HIS IMPENDING DEFEAT.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW OF THEM LEFT...

EVEN IF LALO CAN STILL GRIN FEARLESSLY RIGHT NOW.

FOCUS ON "DOMINATING THE DEVELOPERS". WE CAN'T DROP OUR GUARD.

THEY'LL MOST LIKELY

THE PROBLEM IS HOW THE REMNANTS WILL ACT.

YES, I'M AWARE OF IT.

REFEREE AMEN...

MIDARA.

EXCUSE ME, REFEREE NOWA.

ESPECIALLY YOU YOU HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE OF BEING TARGETED SINCE YOU'RE FOLLOWING LALO.

IN THAT CASE, YOU'RE BEARING THE HIGHEST RISK.

THE "HUMAN" INTRUDERS" WILL ATTACK THE DEVELOPERS' HQ SOONER OR LATER. SO I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD SEND SOME REFEREES THERE.

SINCE YOU TWO MENTIONED THE "DEVELOPERS". LET ME EXPLAIN THE SITUATION...

WHERE SHOULD WE GO NEXT?

BIG BROTHER.

WHAT!?

AND ACTUALLY, "HAL", OUR "LEADER" IS AT THE DEVELOPERS' HQ RIGHT NOW

WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?

...

WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE TROUBLESOME "PLAYERS" ONE BY...

AND BECAUSE "LEADER HAS BEEN CAPTURED", DAIBA STOPPED TRYING TO OPPOSE US REFEREES.

AFTER RECOVERING FROM THE SHOCK.

NO-THING...

WHICH MEANS, "HAL"...

REFEREE MANABE HAS SNEAKED INTO THE DEVELOPERS' HQ.

MEAN-ING,

..HAD PREDICTED THIS OUTCOME, SO HE WAS CAPTURED BY THEM ON PURPOSE.

DEVELOPERS' HQ

IT'S THE STUFF THAT FUJITSUBO-SAN TOLD ME TO BRING HERE.

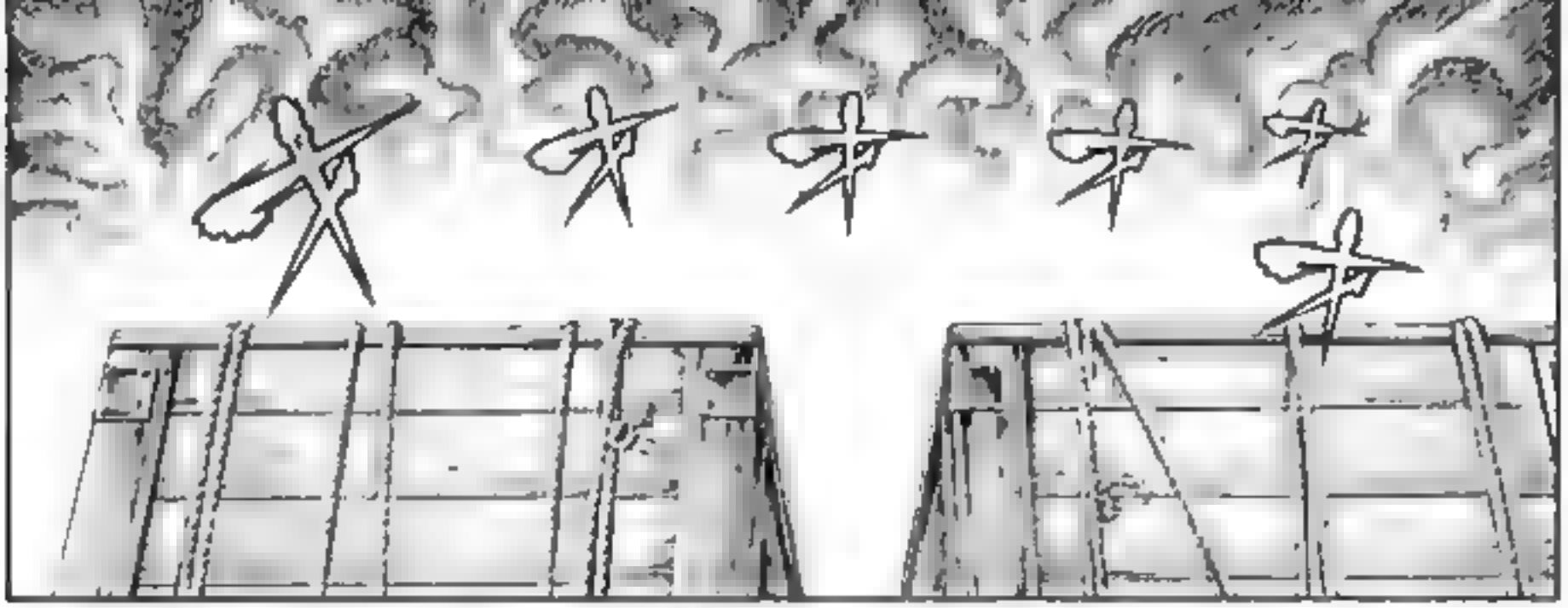
I GOT IT. I'LL NOW CONFIRM WITH CHIEF FUJITSUBO, WAIT A SECOND.

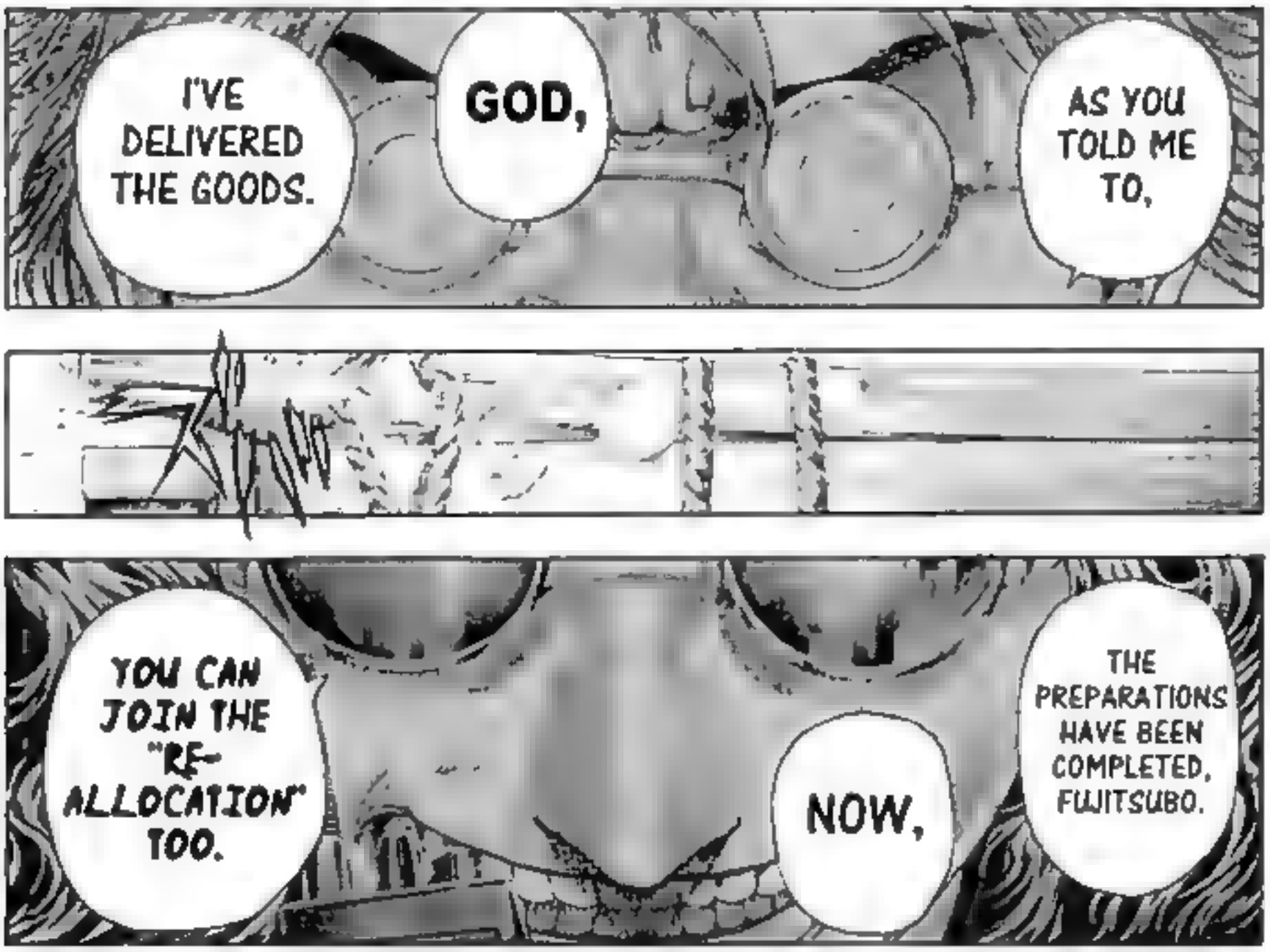
NO.

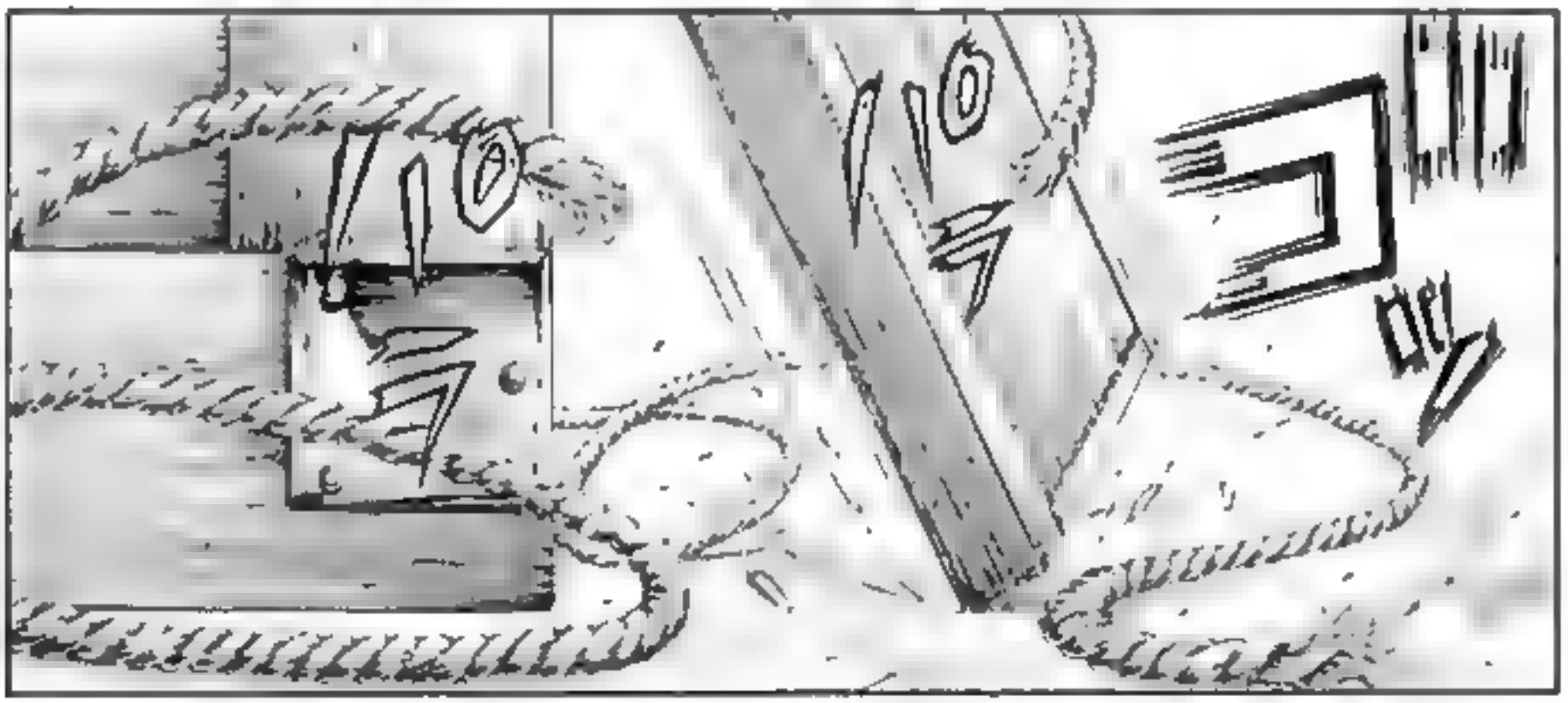
IS THIS FOOD?

OK!! YOU CAN PUT IT IN THERE.

GOT IT~




I'VE DELIVERED THE GOODS.
GOD,
AS YOU TOLD ME TO,
YOU CAN JOIN THE "RE-ALLOCATION" TOO.
NOW,
THE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, FUJITSUBO.



A HIDEOUT NEAR "AZURA"

THE 26TH

KAJI,

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

KAJI,

HOW DO YOU FEEL? DID YOU SLEEP WELL?

YEAH, I HAD A GOOD SLEEP.

MOR-NING~

BUT I THINK WE HAVEN'T BEEN DISCOVERED YET.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.

ACTUALLY... I DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL.

MOVING BETWEEN THE HIDEOUTS REALLY MADE ME EXHAUSTED.

IT'S ONLY BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE WE STARTED HIDING...

BEING CHASED...

BEING TARGETED...

THERE ARE STILL 5 DAYS LEFT...

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT NO ONE WAS ABLE TO SLEEP LAST NIGHT.

PLUS RYUUSEI AND US ALSO SEPARATED TO SPREAD OUT THE RISK.

HOW HORRIBLE IT IS...

FROM HIS WORDS, WE LEARNED

PACHANGA WENT TO CHECK OUT THE TOWN.

5 DAYS

LEFT...

ONCE WE MAKE IT THROUGH,

MADARAME BK

CHAMP

RYUUSEI

THEY WILL BECOME "KINGS", AND BAKU-SAN WILL BECOME THE "KAISER" IN ONE DAY.

WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH THESE 5 DAYS...

IT'LL BE PROBLEMATIC IF THE DEVELOPERS FIND YOU. I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BELIEVE YOU EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU FLOATED HERE.

AND YOU SHOULD COVER YOUR FACE WITH A MASK OR SOMETHING.

ALTHOUGH IT'S THAT GUY'S.

YES. A VEST IS NECESSARY.

"VEST"?

BUT I THINK YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING EVEN IF I TELL YOU ABOUT THE "LEVELING DOWN" PENALTY...

YES.

THERE'LL BE A "PENALTY" IF YOU DON'T "CHARGE THE VEST"?

AND DON'T FORGET TO CHARGE THE "VEST". IF THEY FIND YOU BECAUSE OF IT, IT'LL BE WORSE THAN THE PENALTY.

I'LL GO HELP TOO.

AH,

I'M GOING TO HELP PACHANGA CARRY THE WATER.

KAJI, CHARGE MY "VEST" FOR ME.

...

I THINK THE "VEST" HAS BEEN FULLY CHARGED.

CHAMP.

RYUUSEI

AND MADARA ME BR.

THIS "TABLET"

IS REALLY CONVENIENT FOR US.

AND... FOR "IDEAL" AS WELL.

I'VE FOUND THEIR LOCATIONS,

MR. BAI LÓNG.

NOW, LET'S START OUR "LAST STRUGGLE".

PACHAN GA...?

HUH?

CHAPTER 411
THE EXCUSE TO FIGHT BACK

AS LONG AS YOU'RE A HUMAN, YOU MAKE MISTAKES.

HAS NO FLAWS.

AT THE VERY LEAST, MADARAME

BUT HE

DOESN'T HAVE ANY METHODS TO LEARN ABOUT

OR THE FACT THAT

THE FISSURE BETWEEN ME AND THE "DEVELOPERS",

DAIBA WOULD STUPIDLY LEAK IMPORTANT DATA TO THE SECURITY DIVISION.

WHAT HAPPENED...!? WHAT IS THIS WOUND!?

WHAT COULD MAKE SUCH A WOUND!?

VROOM

MY FRIEND WHO...

REFUSED TO DO IT,

WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF MY EYES...

SO I SMILED AND ACCEPTED...

PACHANG!!

CHAMP-SAN, CARRY HIM INTO THE HOUSE NOW!!

U...

UU...

TO SLICE YOU INTO PIECES!!

INTO PIECES!!

GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW!!

CHAMP-SAN!!

BEFORE HE CATCHES US, HURRY!!

THEY... EVEN HAVE A GUN!?

NO... THEY ARE "PLAYERS"!

ARE THEY IDEAL!?

I THINK THAT CHAINSAW IS POSSESSED BY ITS OWNER'S SOUL-

IT'S LIKE THAT GUY IS POSSESSED BY "JONES THE NECK CUTTER"

BOSS-

-COLOSSEUM-

LALO

IT'S NOT EASY TO TRAIN THEM TO BE USEFUL. NOR TO CATCH THEM. AND THERE AREN'T TOO MANY SUITABLE CANDIDATES...

ALTHOUGH THREATENING "PLAYERS" TO ATTACK THEM IS A MEANS TO COVER UP OUR SHORTAGE IN MANPOWER.

THEY ARE PERFECT FOR THIS SITUATION-

SO THEY AREN'T KAKEROU'S TARGETS TO PURGE.

HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT "卍(BAN) INTRUDERS".

I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D HAVE A FUNCTION WHICH CAN DETECT THOSE THREE'S LOCATIONS.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THIS TABLET THAT WAS GAINED WITH EVERYONE'S LIVES.

THESE 3 KING CANDIDATES HAVE TO "CHARGE THEIR VESTS".

OTHER "PLAYERS" DON'T HAVE TO, BUT...

CHAMP,

RYUUSEI,

MADARA-ME BK,

IF THE BATTERY "GOES OUT",

YOU'LL BE "LEVELED DOWN" AS A PENALTY.

GIVE HIM TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY!

GOT IT!

"CHARGING THE VEST" IS THE PLAYERS' OBLIGATION.

THEY HAVE TO ENTER THE RANGE OF AN ACCESS POINT WHEN THEY NEED TO CHARGE THEIR VESTS.

NO MATTER WHERE THEY'RE HIDING,

THE "CHARGING SLOTS" ARE ALL PLACED IN THE RANGE OF THE ACCESS POINTS.

WHICH MEANS,

LV80 ⇩ LV79

IF THEY ARE LEVELED DOWN,

THEY'LL LOSE THEIR ELIGIBILITY TO BECOME A "KING", WHICH REQUIRES "BEING OVER LV.80".

WHICH MEANS MADARAME'S "BECOMING THE KAISER IN ONE DAY" STRATEGY WILL FAIL.

KAISER

KING CHAMP

KING MADARAME

KING KUDEI

THEY WILL SHOW UP ON THIS "DEVELOPERS" TABLET~

ONCE THEY ENTER IT,

GO FIND SOMETHING IN THE HOUSE THAT CAN BLOCK THE DOOR!!

PERPES SAN, I'LL HOLD THE DOOR! ONCE YOU FINISH THE TREATMENT,

OKAY!

THAT YOU GUYS HAVE FOOD!!

AND... AND WE KNOW

AND HIS "VEST" !!

CHAMP!! GIVE US "CHAMP"!!

HEY YOU,

COME HELP US TOO!!

THESE GUYS ARE CRAZY!!

THIS IS REALLY BAD!

EVERYONE CAME HERE BECAUSE WE LOVE GAMES...

WHAT IS THIS ...!?

WHY... WOULD YOU KILL PEOPLE? WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING!?

THIS IS "PROTO-POROS"... A GAME WORLD...

REFEREE

KADOKURA YULDAI

SILENT...

HE WON'T HELP US, CHAMP-SAN.

SO HE IS NOT OUR ALLY!

IT'S NOT AN OBLIGATION FOR REFEREES TO HELP US!

WHAT ABOUT THE BACK DOOR.

NO, IT'S BLOCKED TOO.

BUT...?

THIS THING CAN'T BLOCK THE DOOR AT ALL!!

DAMN IT!!

THIS IS NOT "PROTOPOROS" ANYMORE!

HAS CHANGED!

EVERY-THING...

NEAR AZURA,

MADARAME'S HIDEOUT

COME OUT ALREADY~

MADA-RAME~

MADARAME-Bk~

COME ON~

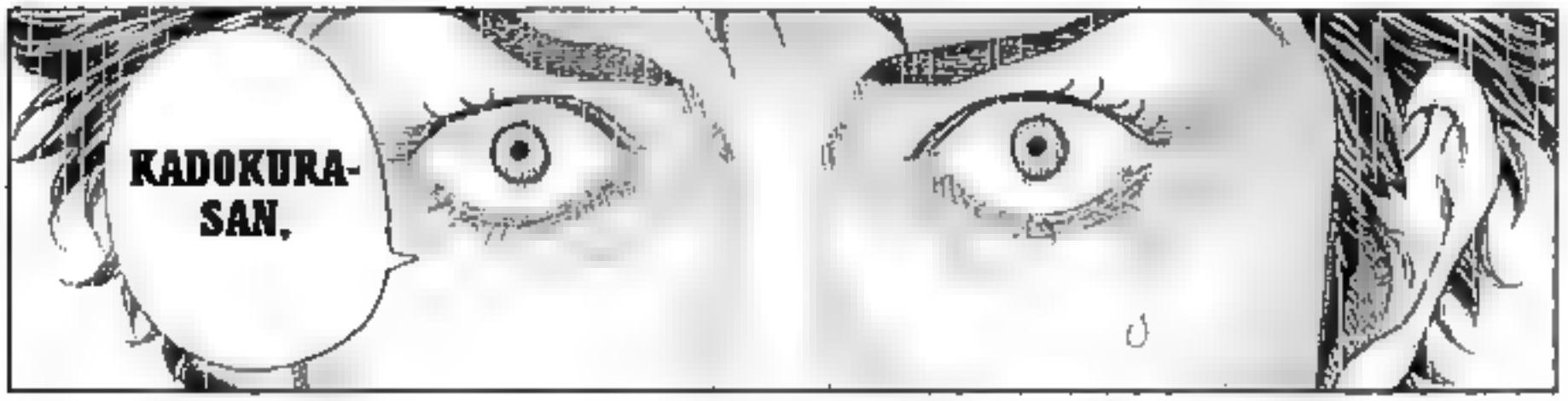
COME ON~

.....

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

NOW,

YAKOU-SAN,


KADOKURA-SAN,

SO EVEN IF WE SEPARATE RIGHT NOW, YOU WON'T LOSE US. DON'T WORRY, AND PLEASE "FULFILL YOUR DUTIES".
?
WE ARE GOING TO ESCAPE. THE LOCATION ON THAT PAPER IS OUR NEXT HIDEOUT,

I BELIEVE THAT GUY HAS A "COMMUNICATION TOOL" WHICH YOU SO BADLY NEED RIGHT NOW, KADOKURA SAN.
AND BECAUSE YOUR "RECEIVER" WAS BROKEN DUE TO THE SHOCK, YOU CAN'T CONTACT OTHER REFEREES.

OR THAT WAY?
SO WHICH WAY WILL YOU GO? THIS WAY?

AH, IT'D BE BAD IF YOUR CLOTHES ARE STAINED, SO YOU CAN LET ME HOLD ONTO YOUR SUIT~
I THINK "YOU MIGHT CRASH INTO 1 OR 2 PEOPLE WHEN YOU OPEN THE DOOR"...
IF IT'S THAT WAY,

SO PLEASE GO PURGE "THE ONE WHO'S MANIPULATING THESE PEOPLE".
I HAVE REMOVED THE BARRIER,
HE IS "KAKEROU'S TARGET TO PURGE", RIGHT? HE SHOULD BE AROUND HERE.

PURGE !!

IS THIS GUY !?

WHO THE HELL

EXCUSE ME~

AH MY LEG~

IT'S OKAY, I THINK.

IS IT REALLY OKAY THAT PACHANGA AND PERPES SAN JUST WALKED OUT LIKE THAT, KAJI...?

NOW!

AH!

GYA!

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY RECEIVED SOME KIND OF "ORDER".

I THINK THEY'RE AFRAID OF HITTING THE "REFEREE".

DID YOU NOTICE IT? ONCE WE ENTERED THE HOUSE, THEY STOPPED SHOOTING.

GIVING THE REFEREE AN "EXCUSE" TO "FIGHT BACK" WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ATTACK US.

LIKE "DON'T ATTACK THE PEOPLE IN BLACK SUITS".

OH~ WELL MADE.

SPIT

WHAT THE HELL!?

THIS GUT ISN'T THE TARGET! SHIT!

IT'S OKAY.

THEY DIDN'T ATTACK US.

...ALTHOUGH IT'S A STUPID JUSTIFICATION,

BUT ME TOO, I'VE MADE A DISGRACE...

A JUSTIFI-CATION THAT'S NOT TWISTED AT ALL~

WHAT A DISGRACE I'VE MADE~

IF I HADN'T OWED HIM ONE WHEN I WAS ELECTRICALLY SHOCKED.

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO REPAY HIM,

I'LL RETURN HERE ONCE I BRING CHAMP-SAN AND RYUUSEI BACK!

PLEASE WAIT FOR A MINUTE.

I'VE TAKEN OUT THE BATTERY.

KADO-KURA-SAN!

NOW IT'S BECOME TROUBLESOME...

TSK.

SO THIS IS

WHAT A "MEMBER" AND HIS "EXCLUSIVE REFEREE" ARE, HUH...

THEY RECEIVED SOME HELP FROM THE "DEVELO-PERS"!!

I THINK

THE REASON WHY OUR LOCATION WAS DISCOVERED COULD ONLY BE THE "VEST"!!

IT'S THE "VEST" !!

HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO WE HAVE TO CHARGE THE "VEST" UNTIL THE 31ST?

HOW MANY TIMES?

WE'LL BE DISCO-VERED!?

YOU'RE SAYING THAT ONCE WE ENTER THE ACCESS ZONE,

PROBABLY "TWICE", I GUESS...

HOW MANY TIMES?

AND WE WON'T HAVE BATTLES.

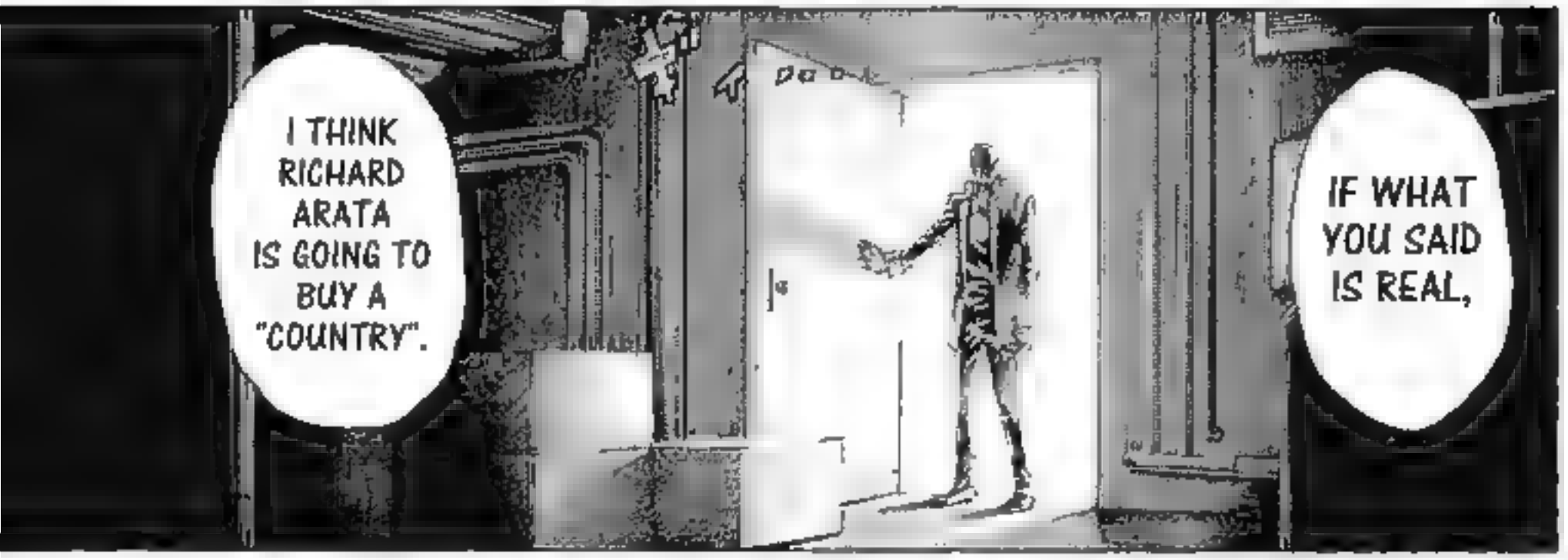
RIGHT NOW... IT SHOULD BE FULLY CHARGED.

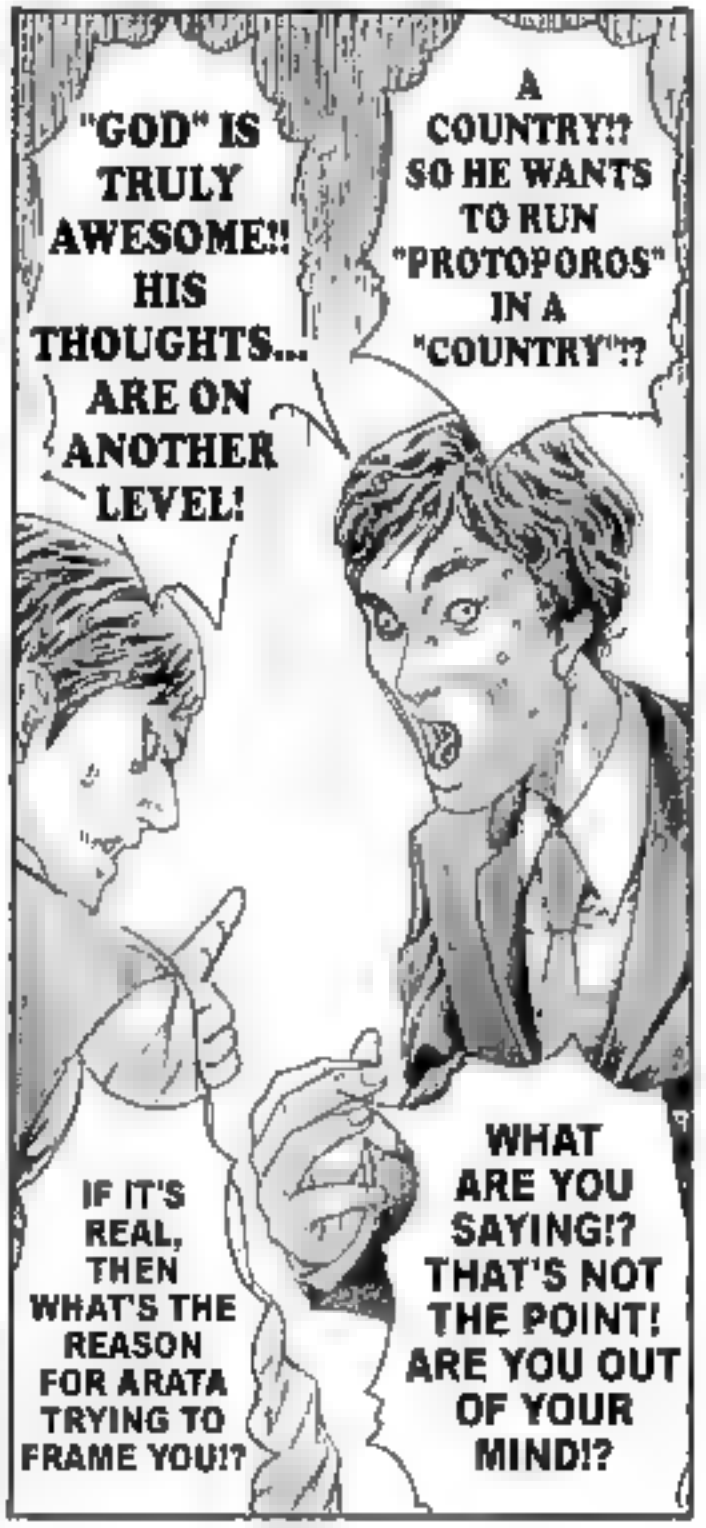
THIS... THIS IS VERY BAD...

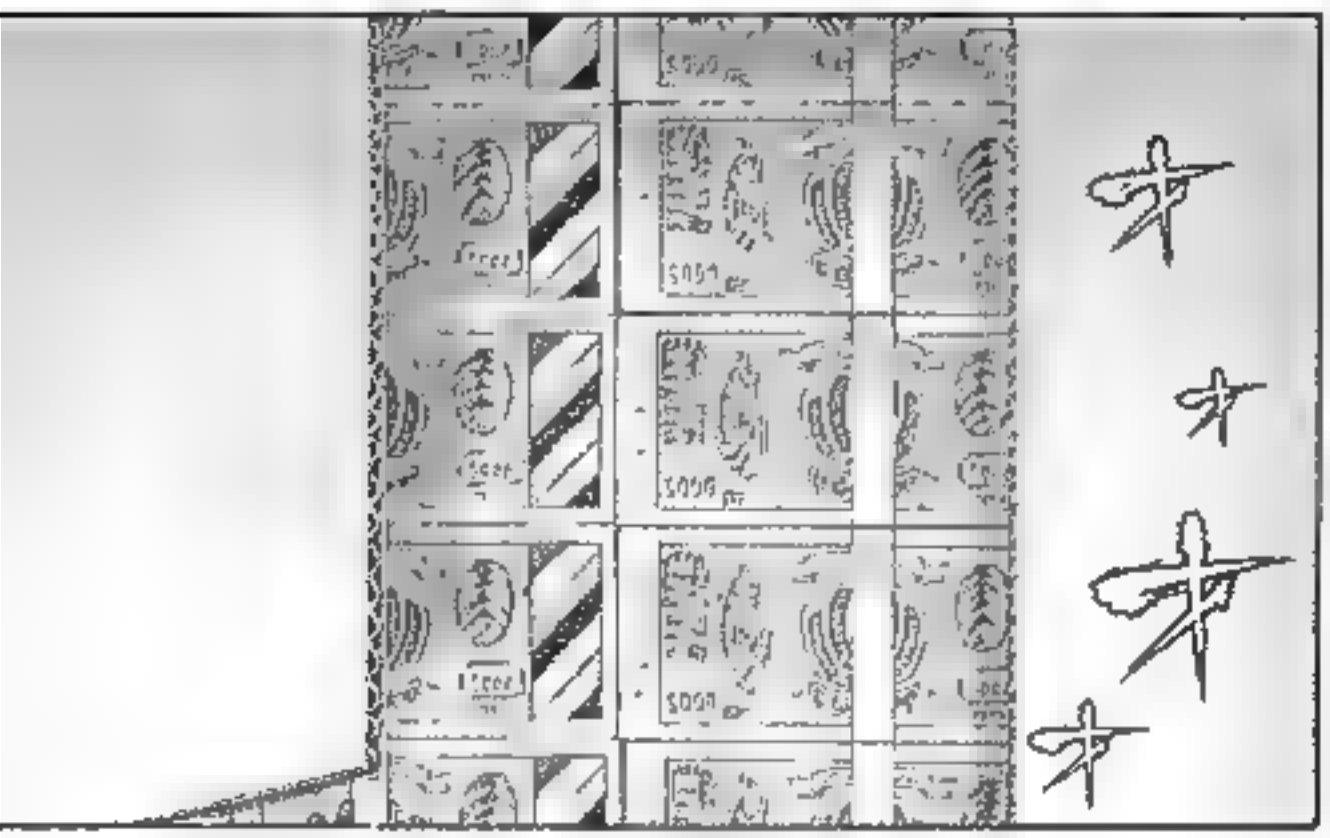
WE WILL BECOME EVERYONE'S TARGETS... 2 MORE TIMES!?

THE SAME DAY,
THE 26TH

THE DEVELOPERS' HQ




"GOD" IS TRULY AWESOME!! HIS THOUGHTS... ARE ON ANOTHER LEVEL!
A COUNTRY!? SO HE WANTS TO RUN "PROTOPOROS" IN A "COUNTRY"!?
IF IT'S REAL, THEN WHAT'S THE REASON FOR ARATA TRYING TO FRAME YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THAT'S NOT THE POINT! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!?



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THIS ISLAND IS JUST A "PLAYTEST"

I THINK, TO HIM,

GRRR RRRRR RRRR

WHAT IS HE THINK-ING?

WHY IS ARATA TRYING TO FRAME DAIBA...?

HE WANTS TO HAVE YOU DEVELOPERS BEAR ALL THE SINS, AND BRING THE "PLAYERS" WITH HIM AND LEAVE THIS ISLAND... WHICH MEANS,

AND IF IT REALLY IS, THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

THE "DEVELOPERS" ARE NOT NECESSARY IN THE NEW COUNTRY.

AN UNNECESSARY PRESENCE.

THEN THE DEVELO-PERS ARE

IF WHAT YOU SAID IS REAL,

THAT ARATA IS TRYING TO BUILD A NEW GAME WORLD IN A NEW COUNTRY,

HE WANTS TO

BUILD A "COUNTRY" GOVERNED BY THE "PLAYERS".

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I SEE,

YOU HAVE A POINT HERE!!

...

THAT'S WHY HE'S TRYING TO FRAME DAIBA...

SOME PEOPLE EVEN DIED.

DURING THE HARSH DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAME,

HE NEVER SLEPT IN TIMES OF TROUBLES AND WOULD OVERWORK TO

KEEP ON LEADING US AND GIVING INSTRUCTIONS.

THERE IS NO WAY

GOD

HAS FACED MANY LIFE OR DEATH CRISES WITH US, HE'S OUR COMRADE!

LIKE HELL YOU DO!!

NO MORE BULL SHIT

YOU "AHOGE" !!

I WOULD WANT THE STRONG-EST.

WHO TO BE THE CITIZENS OF THE NEW "COUNTRY",

AND HAD TO CHOOSE WITHIN THE "PLAYERS",

IF I WERE IN HIS POSITION,

SUCH A PERSON WOULD BETRAY US!!

THE STRENGTH TO LIVE ON.

VITALITY,

WOULD REQUIRE AS THE FIRST CONDITION:

TO SURVIVE IN THE NEW WORLD

*IT'S A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE ANIME/MANGA CHARACTERS THAT HAVE A SINGLE LOCK OF HAIR WHICH STICKS OUT ODDLY. LITERAL MEANING IS "STUPID HAIR".

CHIEF FUJITSUBO AND OTHERS FROM THE GAME SYSTEMS DIVISION...

WE'RE FACING ISSUES!

MANA-GER!

DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!!

IN THE MAIN COMPUTER ROOM!!

... HAVE LOCKED THEMSELVES UP

IT'S ALRIGHT.

THUD

FU...

FUJI-TSUBO...

THUD

THUD

THUD

AND MAKE THIS ISLAND BE REBORN.

HE WILL BRING DOWN PUNISHMENT TO DAIBA WHO WENT OUT OF CONTROL.

YES.

DID RICHARD ARATA REALLY COME TO THIS ISLAND?

WILL BE TAKING CHARGE.

FROM NOW ON, WE 3

ARATA

THEY HAVE ONLY ONE REQUEST.

WHA... WHAT IS HAPPEN-ING...!?

WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.

WAS PROBABLY

TO CAPTURE AND BRING THEM THE TRAITOR, DAIBA.

AND SOME WHO WOULD JUST LOSE THEIR MINDS.

THERE ARE SOME WHO WOULD ENDURE EVERYTHING AND STAY ON THE ISLAND.

EVEN THOUGH DRUGS ARE SPREADING,

AND THERE'S A FOOD SHORTAGE

DON'T YOU THINK ARATA

AND EVEN SOME RIGHTEOUS ONES WHO TRY TO CORRECT EVIL.

AS HIS NEW CITIZENS?

SURVIVE THIS CHAOS

WOULD CHOOSE THE ONES WHO

!

THE DEVELOPERS BUILDING,

THE DEPARTURE & RECEPTION

ARE YOU PEOPLE!?

WHO

HAL...HALF A YEAR!?

THAT'S WHY ARATA WENT CRAZY!

THEY'VE ACTUALLY SPENT MORE THAN HALF A YEAR BEING TARGETED BY THE DEVELOPERS AND LIVING IN HELL... I SEE!!

BUT... THEN, FOR HOW LONG HAS ARATA ACTUALLY BEEN ON THE ISLAND...?

IF THIS GUY IS RIGHT...

I FOUND IT ON A CAPTURED OUTLAW, BUT HE DIED SHORTLY AFTER...

AROUND.. HALF A YEAR AGO...

WHEN DID YOU FIND THOSE BANK NOTES?

HERE IS THE PLACE WHERE WE STORE THE PRIVATE BELONGINGS OF THE PLAYERS... YOU CAN'T ENTER.

HERE...

THEY DON'T NEED THOSE ANYMORE.

THEY COULD HAVE GONE CRAZY ANY-TIME.

THE OUTLAWS ARE ALWAYS LIVING ON THE EDGE.

OVER.

THE GAME IS

ARE YOU DOING GREAT?

SOUICHI~

ARE YOU FEELING NORMAL TODAY TOO~?

IT SEEMS FOR YOU,

ARATA WAS LIKE A HERO WHO YOU COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON.

BY THE WAY, WHAT DOES BEING "NORMAL" MEAN?

IT MEANS TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL, TO FEEL PAIN WHEN YOU SEE BLOOD, OR WANTING TO AVOID BEING HURT AND HURTING OTHERS.

SUCH A "NORMAL" STATE OF MIND

CAN BE EASILY BROKEN ON A "BATTLEFIELD".

VIOLENCE,

HORRORS,

A PEACE OF MIND NEVER LASTS FOR LONG.

AND PANICK-ING.

CONSTANTLY BEING AFRAID.

CAN COLLAPSE WITHIN ONLY A FEW DAYS.

A REGULAR PERSON

FOR 2 OR 3 WEEKS.

EVEN TRAINED MINDS CAN ONLY KEEP A HEALTHY STATE OF MIND

PA...

THAT'S WHAT A BATTLE-FIELD IS...

PACHA...

DEAD!!

PERPES SAN...

HOW'S PACHANGA?

THIS MUG IS RYUUSEI'S!

THEY WERE HERE!!

BUT THERE ARE MANY SECRET HIDEOUTS,

AND JUDGING BY THESE TRACES, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT CHAMP AND RYUUSEI HAVE SEPARATED.

USOGUI REACTED QUICKLY.

HE HAD HIS BODYGUARD, MARCO, LOOK FOR CHAMP AND RYUUSEI IMMEDIATELY.

AND WALK ON TOP OF A DIRTY, SLIPPERY MUD PATH.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH REFEREE KADOKURA.

FROM NOW ON EVERYONE SHOULD ADAPT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SITUATION.

WELL, THAT SHOULD BE DUE TO HIS RECEIVER BREAKING FROM THE SHOCK.

SOUICHI;

THOSE GUYS ARE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR MIND, EVEN IN A WAR ZONE.

THERE ARE "EXCEPTIONS" IN THIS WORLD.

WHEN SUCH GUYS ARE WITHIN A TROOP, EVERYONE CAN COUNT ON THEM, AND THERE ARE EVEN TIMES WHERE THEY BECOME "HEROES".

THEY KEEP ON THRIVING.

AND MONTHS,

FOR MONTHS,

EVEN WITHIN EXTREME CONDI-TIONS,

THESE GUYS ARE "PRECIOUS" ON THE "BATTLEFIELD", BUT...

BUT YOU CAN'T DROP YOUR GUARD.

WHEN THEY GO BACK TO A DAILY ROUTINE.

THEY BECOME DEVIANTS.

WE DON'T NEED THE "DEVELOPERS" ANYMORE.

HUH?

HEH...

HEHE..

YOU DID WELL, RAOH.

THEY'D BE BETTER DEAD FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.

BORING-NESS IS SIN.

MY "TRUE PROTOPOROS".

I'LL SHOW YOU THE BEST ARTWORK EVER.

AS YOUR "GOD" UNTIL NOW.

WITHOUT EVEN NOTICING,

A "MONSTER"

YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIP-PING

NEUTRAL AREA

COLOSSEUM

FUKU-
ROU.

...
THIS
IS

HE'S MOVING!!

WHERE IS HE GOING...?

HERE IT IS...

SO IT'S TIME...

REST UP NOW.

YOU TWO,

THEY ARE COMING... THEY ARE COMING...

THEY ARE GOING TO OPEN THAT DOOR RIGHT NOW...

THEY ARE COMING...

NO ONE WILL ATTACK US TODAY ANYMORE.

THIS IS A BATTLE-FIELD.

ARE ONLY THE MONSTERS.
WHICH MEANS THE ONE YOU CAN COUNT ON

CHAPTER 413

THE FIERY DRAGON

GENTLE-MEN!!

AND

LADIES

THE RAPE SHOW OF AMEN MAKOTO WILL NOW BEGIN!!

WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE MAIN EVENT!!

PROTOPOROS NIGHTMARE!!

!

I HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH

WITH REFEREE NOWA...

I LOST LALO...

DAMN IT...

CHAPTER 413
THE FIERY DRAGON

WHA!?

JONES SHOULD... ALREADY HAVE BEEN PURGED!

WHAT... NO WAY...!?

MY NAME IS

JONES THE NECK CUTTER.

REFEREE NOWA...

THE REAL ONE IS STILL ALIVE!!

HE WAS A WELL-DISGUISED DECOY!!

!!

AMEN !!

YOUR MENTAL STRENGTH AND VIOLENCE ARE UNPARALLELED.

A YOUNG MASTER.

KAKEROU REFEREE, AMEN MAKOTO, 20 YEARS OLD.

YOU CONTINUE TO WALK A LONELY PATH WHILE BEING THE YOUNGEST REFEREE.

THAT COMPOSURE OF YOURS IS ONE OF YOUR MAIN FEATURES.

YOU DEFEATED A REFEREE AT 17

AND GOT SCOUTED BY KAKERU.

AS NORMAL AS EVERYONE ELSE.

WHEN DID YOU BECOME LIKE THAT?

JUST A WEAK HUMAN WHOSE HEART WAS HURTING EVERYDAY AS THAT MUSTACHE KEPT ON GROWING. WHICH IS BECAUSE OF... YOUR GENETICS MAYBE?

WELL, AT LEAST, AS A CHILD YOU WERE

LET ME SHAVE IT FOR YOU!!

LALOII HE REALLY DID TARGET ME...

TO THINK YOU'D BE SO HURT OVER THAT SMALL MUSTACHE... IT MAKES ME SO SAD...

*YOU CAN TELL THAT AMEN IS A CAPOEIRISTA BY HER BELT, AND HER NAME IS FROM A REAL LIFE CAPOEIRA MASTER, MESTRE AMEN SANTO.

GAGA GAGA GAGA

8 YEARS OLD.

WHEN YOU WERE

YOU

YOU WERE KID-NAPPED AND LOCKED UP.

MORPHED.

IT SEEMS THERE HAS BEEN LEAKS OF INFORMATION! RIGHT NOW, I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO MAKE IT STOP!

AMEN, LISTEN!!

THIS GUY... WHY DOES HE KEEP TALKING ABOUT MY...

AFTER YOU WERE SAFELY RESCUED,

YOU REFUSED TO SAY ANY-THING...

AND, ONE DAY,

YOU WENT TO THE HOUSE OF YOUR KIDNAPPER ALONE.

THIS WAS THE DAY KAKEROU PUT THEIR EYES ON YOU.

RIGHT INTO HIS HEART, WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP...

AND STABBED HIM WITH A KNIFE,

YOU DID WELL MAKOTO.

BAD!

YOU'RE SUCH A BAD GIRL!!

KILLING THE CULPRIT ALL BY YOURSELF.

NOW.

MY NAME IS SODA MAKER.

!!

OR MAYBE HERE? OH, YOU HAVE SUCH A NICE BODY.

IS IT HERE?

IT'S TIME TO PUNISH THE BAD GIRL.

DIE

AS ALL THAT FOAM LEAVES YOUR BODY!

I CAN EASILY PROVOKE MYOCLONUS (MUSCLE SPASMS)

BY PUTTING MY HANDS ON YOU.

AH...

ACCEPT MITORA, MY GRANDSON FOR ME...? HE'S A BACHELOR, YOU SEE.

COULD YOU

AMEN, ARE YOU OKAY? BY THE WAY,

AMEN

AMEN

AH ...

OH NO...

CONSCIOUS-NESS IS...

MY

.....

I SEE...

WAKE UP, AMEN!!

RIGHT NOW
I'M...

RIGHT!!

I THOUGHT I DEFINITELY KNOCKED HER CONSCIOUS-NESS OUT...

AFTER TAKING THAT HIT?

SHE CAN STILL REACT

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YOU SAVED ME... REFEREE IKON.
THAT WAS CLOSE.
UNDER-STOOD.
REFEREE NOWA, I'M IN CONTACT WITH LALO.
CLACK CLACK
HUMPH.
AMEN IS UNDER THE ATTACK OF A MAN WHO SEEMS LIKE A "卍(BAN) INTRUDER".

HE'D NEVER PREDICT THAT UP TO TWO REFEREES WOULD BE FOLLOWING HIM AFTER HE KILLED NANPOU. HE MADE A MISTAKE!!

WHAT A GREAT ORDER FROM YOU, REFEREE NOWA!! EVEN THOUGH IT IS EASY TO BE TARGETED WHEN ACTING AS LALO'S FOLLOWER REFEREE.

BA HA HA!

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT

I MADE A MISTAKE?

I'M GOING TO BE BUSY FROM NOW ON.

BUT I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE.

ANYWAY, IT SEEMS AN INTERESTING FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN.

HE IS LIKELY TO TRY TO ESCAPE THE ISLAND

HE WILL BE PURGED WITH HIS DEFEAT ON THE 31ST.

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING!!

REFEREE IKON, DO NOT LET LALO OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!!

SWAY
SWAY
SWAY
SLI
SLI
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SLI

I WILL NOW PURGE YOU.

卍(BAN) INTRUDER!!

I WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM ONCE AGAIN MY PRINCIPLES HERE!!

WE REFEREES HAVE TO JUDGE OUR MATCHES WITH OUR OWN HANDS.

AMEN!!

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!!

CHAPTER 414

THE MAN MADE OF LETHAL WEAPONS

BĂI LÓNG,

HE IS ACTUALLY

A VETERAN WHO HAS PERFECTED THE WAYS OF SLAUGHTER.

AMEN!!

YOU HAVE TO LEAVE HIM TO REFEREE AMEN AND PURSUE LALO!

REFEREE IKON.

SKILLED IN ALL ARTS OF MASSACRE

ATTACK AND GAIN MOMENTUM!!

DON'T RETREAT, AMEN!!

THE BEHAVIOR PATTERNS OF STRONG ONES ARE ALL THE SAME..

YES, JUST LIKE THIS.

GU!!

WHAT...

SUCH STRENGTH...

!!

HE'S...

WHO IS THIS MAN ...!?

STRONG !!

SO STRONG ...

AS STRONG AS TATSUKI-SAMA... AND KYARA...

BUT...

I AM A REFEREE.

WHOEVER THE TARGET MIGHT BE.

I'LL PURGE...

!

WHY'D YOU GET SCARED NOW?

...

IMBECILE.

PHEW

IT'S TOO LATE ONCE YOU PICK YOUR EAR.

TOO

LATE.

CAN YOU

FEEL THE MOMENT WHEN YOUR EARS START GROWING EARWAX?

YOU WERE ALREADY TOO LATE

FROM THE MOMENT YOU SAW ME.

IT'S LIKE IT WOULD ALL BE OVER

JUST BY TOUCHING IT...

THIS MAN'S

PRECISE

AND PIERCING VIOLENCE...

THE REFEREE

SAW IT.

A LUMP OF LETHAL WEAPONS!

I SAW IT!!

HERE IT IS!

HOW-EVER,

!!

BECAUSE I HAD A BAD TIME BY DOING SO BEFORE.

NOT BEING ABLE TO HOLD BACK EVEN IF THE OPPONENT IS A WOMAN IS MY SHORT COMING.

THIS IS ALSO A REFEREE'S DUTY.

AMEN.

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.

HOWEVER, HE COULD STILL TAKE THE VEST OFF AND ESCAPE FROM THE (BAN) REFEREE IKON

DONT LOSE HIM.

WE ARE ABLE TO TRACK LALO'S LOCATION THROUGH MIDARA'S TABLET AS HE IS WEARING THE VEST

AMEN, YOU GO PURSUE LALO.

HE'S CURRENTLY HEADING TO THE NORTHWEST.

I'LL BE THE ONE TO PURGE HIM!

YOU SEEM LIKE AN ENERGETIC GEEZER, BUT,

IDIOT.

YOU'RE FULL OF EARWAX.

THE YOU RIGHT NOW CANNOT PURGE HIM... GO!

A WOMAN CAN'T DEFEAT THIS GUY.

REFEREE... IKON...

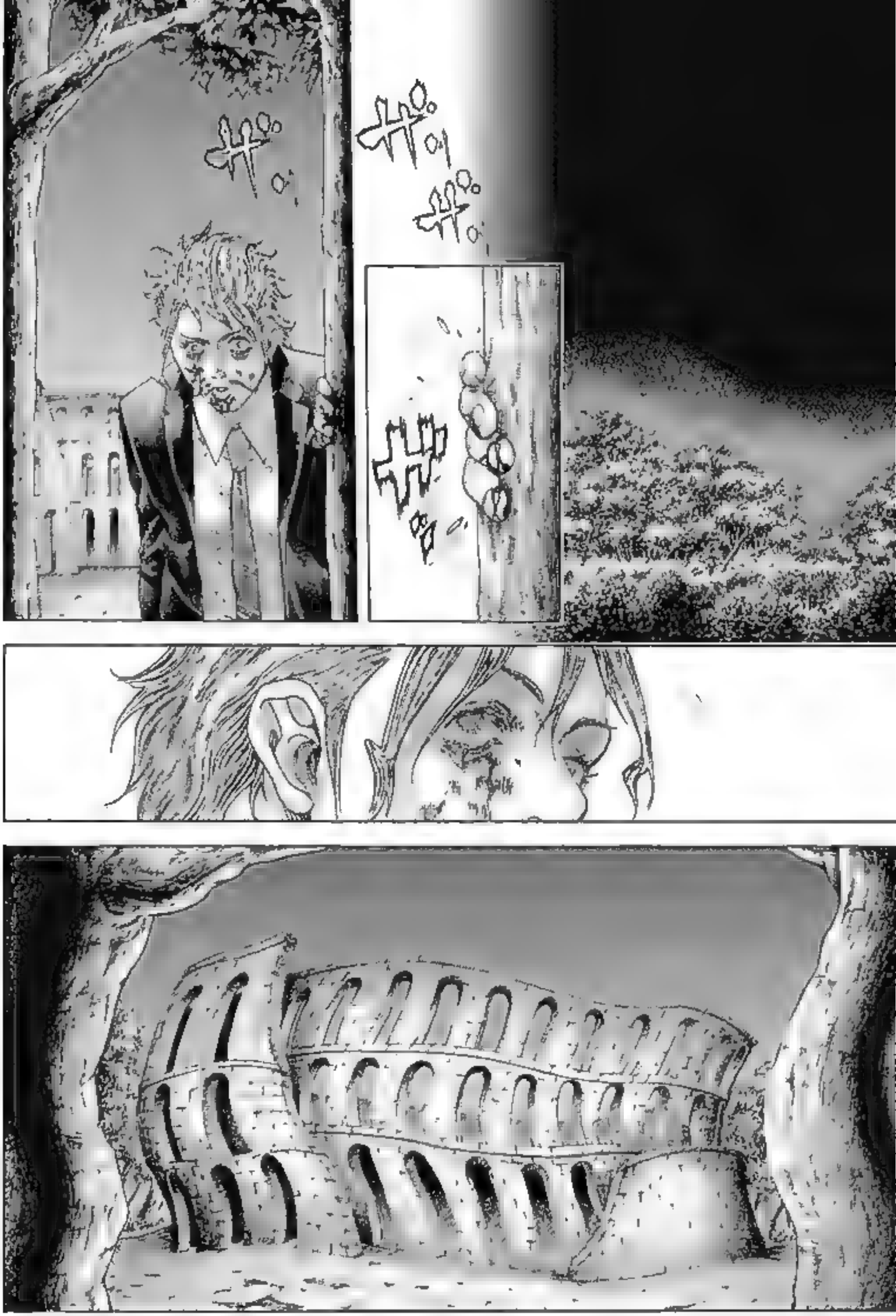
NOW, GEEZER, I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU.

IT'S TOO LATE... THAT WOMAN

IS ALREADY ON HER DEATHBED.

IF YOU ARE A REFEREE !!

WAKE UP, AMEN!!



I'VE GOTTEN QUITE OLD TOO.

AIAAN QUI OHOO

YURHI HWANG GEEHER

YOU'RE QUITE STRONG, GEEZER~!

PHEW

CLACK

SPIT

LOOKS LIKE A HOT-SPIRITED GEEZER

CAN REALLY BURN.

CHAPTER 415
A NEW NIGHTMARE

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A NEW NIGHTMARE

THE 27TH

THE DEVELOPERS' HQ

IT'S TIME TO DO THE REGULAR REPORT. HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP?

!!

WHAT'S WRONG, ANSWER ME.

HEY,

THERE'S A RECORD OF "ARATA" ENTERING THE ACCESS ZONE OF THE NORTH DEPARTURE & RECEPTION.

IT'S "ARATA".

THE ACCOUNT "ARATA",

MANAGER DAIBA,

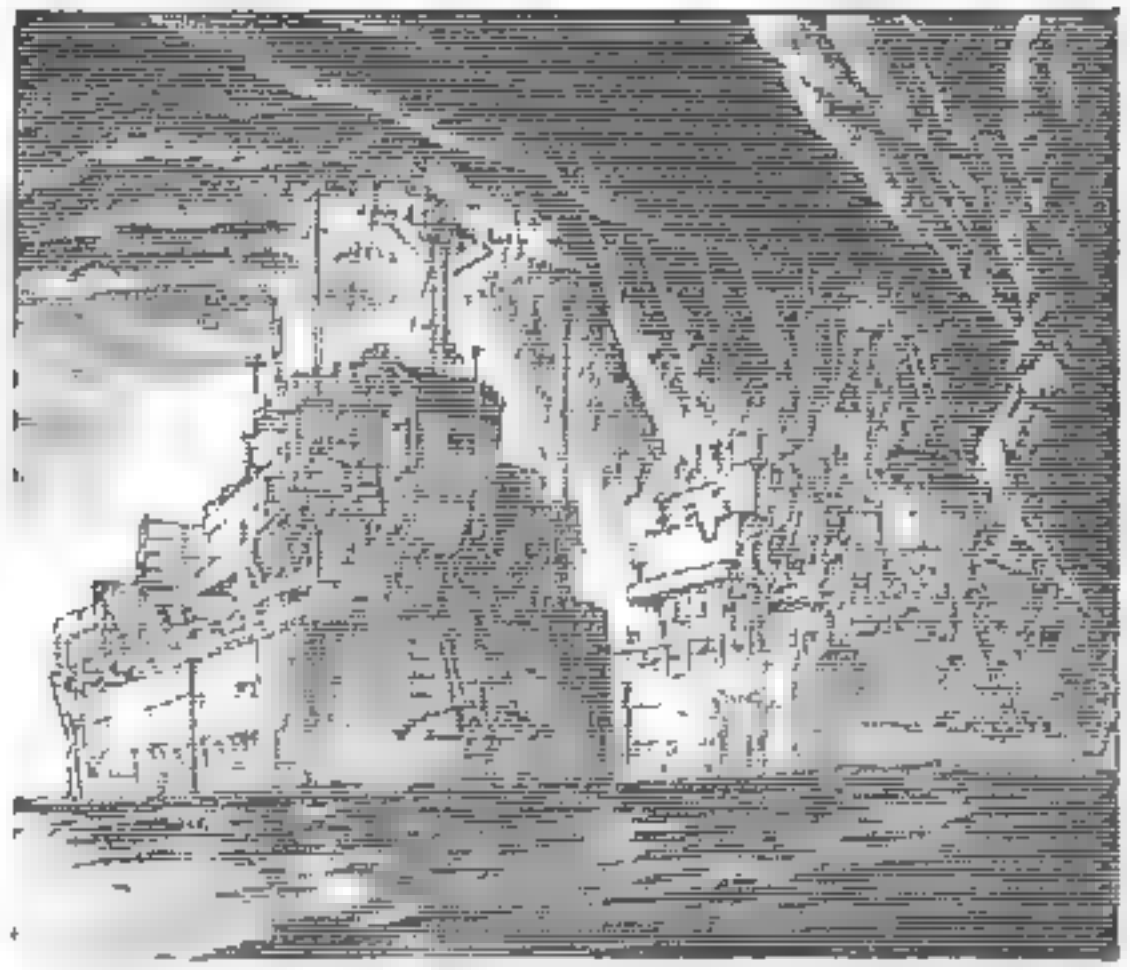
*DEPARTURE & RECEPTION

IT'S PROBABLY "ARATA" WHO DID IT!

NO ONE'S ANSWERING.

THERE'S A BOAT AT THAT PORT.

WHAT EXACTLY... DOES "GOD" WANT TO DO?



AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THE "PLAYERS'" RIOT!

THE "SECURITY DIVISION" HAS BEEN WORKING SOLELY ON DEALING WITH THE "ISLAND INTRUDERS" !!

"ARATA'S VEST" CANNOT RECEIVE ANY SHOCKS, HURRY AND SEND SOME TROOPS THERE!

"PROTECTING THE PLAYERS" IS THE TOP PRIORITY!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

NO!

WE CAN'T SPARE ANY MANPOWER!

ARE STILL STAYING ON THIS ISLAND...?

"PLAYERS"...?

HOW MANY OF THEM

SHOUDO

ALRIGHT.

TIE HIM UP,

AND THROW HIM INTO THE "PANOPTICON".

THE BACK-GROUND OF THIS GAME

AGGRAVATED THESE PEOPLE'S RIOT.

SIMPLY BY "CHANGING A COSTUME", PEOPLE CAN EVEN BECOME A "MURDERER".

THE SCENERY OF THIS ISLAND

IS NOW TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

28TH

THE DEVELOPER'S HQ

THE SKIN ON ONE OF THEIR FACES WAS ABERRANT.

RECALL THE TWO WHO RETURNED WITH THEIR FACES COVERED IN BANDAGES.

SET OUT!!

THE INTRUDERS HAVE SOME CORROSIVE LIQUIDS!

ONCE YOU'VE FOUND AN "ISLAND INTRUDER",

SHOOT HIM TO DEATH IMMEDIA-TELY!

!

...

THIS... THIS IS...

THIS PATH IS...

!

A PANOP-TICON.

A PRISON.

WHO'S THERE?

!

IT'S ME.

REFEREE NO.6

NOWA SHION

HACHINA NAOKI-SAMA... NO, USOGUI'S ALLY, HAL-SAMA...

NO,

LEADER ...

REFEREE NOWA JR.... WHY IS HE AT THE DEVELOPERS' HQ?

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IF YOU LOSE TO YOUR NIGHT MARES.

EVERY ONE HAS NIGHT-MARES.

A PERSON THAT DOESN'T HAVE NIGHTMARES SIMPLY DOESN'T EXIST

PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

!!

REFEREE IKON WAS DEFEATED.

AS I THOUGHT,

YOU STARTED MANIPULATING THE "OUTLAWS" BEFORE MADARAME DID.

BY USING JONGLYO,

AND DETECTED MY LOCATION...?

RICHARD ARATA,

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN ONE STEP AHEAD.

IN MY OPINION,

DID YOU STEAL THE SECURITY GUARDS' TABLET,

YOU ARE VINCENT LALO FROM "IDEAL"...

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SHOWED UP.

TO TALK NONSENSE WITH YOU.

I DIDN'T COME

I CAN EASILY DESTROY THIS BUNCH OF TRASH AROUND YOU...

DON'T FORGET THAT RIGHT NOW.

IN THAT CASE,

THE "ISLAND INTRUDERS" ARE... I SEE, I SEE.

...I SEE, YOU MEAN THE "POWER" OF IDEAL, HUH?

.....

IT'S OKAY.

SURE.

YOUR OBJECTIVE.

I'M AWARE OF

RE-ALLOCATION

ALLOCATING...

KING CANDIDATES

LV100 ARATA

LV80 MADARAME BK

LV80 CHAMP

LV80 RYUUSEI

AFTER THE GAME IS RESET ON THE 31TH, YOU, WHO LOST THE CROWN, WILL LOSE FOR SURE.

IF IT KEEPS GOING LIKE THIS,

"PASSWORDS".

THAT REQUIRES BOTH MY AND MANAGER DAIBA'S...

PASSWORD :

PASSWORD(再入力):

ACTUALLY, THE MAIN COMPUTER ROOM IS CURRENTLY BEING OCCUPIED BY ME.

I CAN FULFILL YOUR REQUEST.

MEAN-ING,

IN ORDER TO STOP THE RESET, YOU HAVE TO REWRITE THE SYSTEM ON THE MAIN COMPUTER.

HOW-EVER,

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

AND,

INDEED...

AND THEN THE LAST STEP IS TO GET DAIBA'S PASSWORD, RIGHT?

IT'S... KINDA WEIRD, ISN'T IT?

INDEED,

KNEEL

YOU HAVE HUGE "POWER".

BUT YOU HAVE BEEN POINTED AT WITH KILLING INTENT FOR AWHILE.

...

YOU PROBABLY HAVE A GUN ON YOU,

WHEN GUNS ARE TARGETING AT YOU,

YOU ARE ACTUALLY "ALONE", AREN'T YOU?

IS THERE ANY POINT TO KEEP HIDING YOUR ALLIES?

SUPPRESSING A "SMALL POWER"

BY WAVING "BIG POWER", IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE.

WHAT'S HARD IS

TO DEFEAT A "BIG POWER"

NOW,

IT'S TIME FOR THE NIGHT-MARE.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

BY USING A "SMALL POWER" LIKE THIS.

DESPER-
ATE.

CHAPTER 416

CANNIBALISM

YOU'RE HERE TO MEET ME.

AND WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COLOSSEUM WAS ALL FOR GETTING RID OF THE REFEREES...

LALO-SAN.

YOU ARE...

FOR YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE WITH ANYMORE.

THERE ARE NO PIECES LEFT

SHOULDN'T HAVE COME ALONE.

YOU REALLY

HAS BEEN STUCK.

RIGHT NOW.

YOUR GAME

MR. BĂI LÓNG!!

FOR TEAM USOGUI'S "VESTS" TO RUN OUT OF BATTERY~

IT'S ABOUT TIME

TODAY IS THE 28TH.

PLEASE WAIT THERE.

ONCE THEY ENTER AN ACCESS ZONE, I'LL NOTIFY YOU.

YOU ALREADY LOST.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHEN YOU WERE PUSHED INTO BECOMING THE "KAISER".

THE "LAST PIECE" DOESN'T FIT...

MR. BĂI LÓNG...

HERE IT COMES~

BZZZ

!?

POP

BEEP BEEP

WHY ...?

HUH~?

THIS DEVICE CAN NO LONGER CONNECT TO THE ACCESS POINT.

THEY CAN'T CONNECT TO THE ISLAND'S NETWORK ANYMORE.

ANYWAY, WITH THIS,

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THE DEVELOPERS' HQ

WE'VE DISABLED THE ACCESS RIGHTS OF "ABIRU'S TABLET".

DISABLING DONE.

PLUS ITS POSITIONING SYSTEM HAS ALSO BEEN DISABLED.

LOOKS LIKE THE INTEL OF HIM BEING KILLED IS REAL.

WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM FOR DAYS.

THEY FINALLY

DISABLED THOSE GUYS' TABLET?

I SOMEHOW SENSED THAT THEY HAD STOLEN THAT TABLET.

THE "TABLET" I HAD BEEN TRACKING WHEN WE WERE GOING TO ASSAULT THE SMALL HOUSE,

BENEFITED *USOGUI*, NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.

AND IT AUTOMATICALLY

THIS IS AN OBSTRUCTION.

A DEFEATED FINAL BOSS SHOULD JUST BECOME A SCRAP IN THE SEA.

IT'S NOT WORTH HELPING YOU.

VINCENT LALO, IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARSH TO WORK SO HARD ON THIS RECKLESS FIGHT.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HUGER...

FARE-WELL.

PEO...

OF THAT COUNTRY ....

I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HIDDEN FINANCES

DID YOU GET IT?

WHERE

...OH?

FLEW.

THE OWL

FUKU-ROU

THIS IS

DIDN'T YOU NOTICE IT?

WITHIN THE "OUTLAWS", WHICH IS THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE.

SO RIGHT AFTER HE ARRIVED AT THIS ISLAND, HE HID HIMSELF...

HE HATES TO BE CHAINED...

MY LAST ALLY, FUKUROU.

!!

AN OWL BUILT A NEST IN YOUR DEN.

THE DEVELOPERS' HQ,
PANOPTICON

WHO ARE YOU?

EVERY-THING

WAS ALL BECAUSE OF HIS LEAD.

!

KID,

LALO'S LAST ALLY, FUKUROU

YOU'RE THAT KID FROM THAT TIME...

I SEE.

BEEP

LEAKING OUT THE INFORMATION THAT I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO HIDE... HOW TROUBLE-SOME.

SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "HUGER IS BANKRUPT"...

THAT'S BEING DONE BY YOU, RIGHT?

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE REALLY IS MAKING A FUSS ABOUT "HUGER".

AND THOSE BANKNOTES WILL BECOME TRASH.

IF I DON'T STOP SPREADING IT,

EVERY-THING WILL BE UN-COVERED,

I WAS GOING TO

IF THE INFO IS UNCOVERED, MY PLAN WILL FAIL.

MAKE THAT COUNTRY MINE WITH THAT HUGE AMOUNT OF HUGER BANKNOTES...

EVEN ENDOU COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT THAT FAST...

AFTER FINDING THE BANKNOTES, HE DISCOVERED THE INFO I CONCEALED ABOUT HUGER BEING BANKRUPT WITHIN ONE DAY... AND HE EVEN MANAGED TO BECOME MY RIGHT HAND MAN...

UNBELIEV-ABLE...

SO THAT'S "IDEAL", INCREDI-BLE!!

YOU HAVE A GREAT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

WELL THEN!!

KU...

KU

KU

I GIVE UP ON HUGER.

RUSTLE

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CHANCE TO BUY A "COUNTRY".

IF I CAN KILL YOU, I DON'T NEED THE COUNTRY.

NO WAY... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE IT UP... THINK DEEPLY...

NO...

I'LL STOP SPREADING THE INFORMATION!

I GOT IT!!

JUST...

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL MY SUBORDI-NATES TOO!

THEN...

NOW YOU RE FINALLY BEING HONEST.

YOUR REAL OBJEC-TIVE...

I KNEW IT.

SEND ME OUT OF

THIS ISLAND RIGHT NOW ..

FINE,

LET HIM GET ON THE BOAT FIRST.

DISPOSE OF THE REST OF THEM.

THINGS THAT WILL MAKE THEM RECALL THEIR HOME COUNTRY ARE UNNECES SARY

GOOD.

HEHEHE... I WONDER IF THOSE ARE REALP

IT BELONGS TO A PLAYER NAMED "HAL"...

YES,

WE FOUND THIS.

HAVE YOU DEALT WITH THE "PLAYERS" BELONG INGS"?

LET'S SET OFF.

NEXT IS

TO HAVE LALO FULFILL HIS PROMISE ON THE BOAT,

AND THEN MAKE HIM...

!

DISAPPEAR...

HE...

REALIZED EVERYTHING

IMMEDIATELY.

LALO IS A "PLAYER" OF THIS MATCH.

I'VE WARNED YOU...

TO DEFEAT A "BIG POWER" BY USING A "SMALL POWER" ...YOU SAID?

WHAT'S HARD IS

SUPPRESSING A "SMALL POWER" BY WAVING A "BIG POWER". IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE.

REFEREE AMEN...

GOOD JOB.

THE DEAL IS SET.

I WILL HELP YOU.

YOU'RE TRULY IMPRESSIVE.

AND?

I SEE... FROM THE BEGINNING,

HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO HAVE THAT REFEREE DEFEAT US ...BY HAVING ME THINK HE CAME HERE ALONE.

TO DEAL WITH A PERSON LIKE YOU,

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO WASTE MY OWN "POWER".

EVERY-THING UNTIL NOW

IS JUST A PIECE OF HIS IDEAL PUZ-ZLE.

THIS REFEREE FELT HORROR.

AFTER SHE FINALLY TRACKED THIS PLACE DOWN,

IT'S LIKE THAT TIME.

THIS DEMON

LET ME TRACK HIM DOWN ON PURPOSE IN ORDER TO UTILIZE ME!

LEAVING THE 卍(BAN),

IS NOT

ALLOWED.

GAHA

!!

AFTER SEEING THAT,

I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANYMORE.

GIVE IT BACK

GIVE IT BACK

GIVE IT BACK

GIVE IT BACK

GIVE IT BACK

GIVE IT BACK

WHY ARE YOU HOLDING THAT?

EVERYONE WHO RECOGNIZES ITS VALUE IS SINFUL.

I'VE GIVEN UP ON IT.

THESE ARE MINE.

THESE ARE ALL MINE.

CHAPTER 417

MEETING AGAIN

THERE WAS AN EXTREMELY QUIET MAN CALLED RICHARD ARATA.

THE ONE WHO GAVE BIRTH TO THE RPG "PROTO-POROS"

HE

EVER SINCE HIS CHILD-HOOD

HAD ALWAYS BEEN CONFUSED BY A PHENOMENON OCCURRING

WHICH SIDE AM I AT RIGHT NOW...?

CAN I KEEP ON GAZING... AT ME...

!

EVEN WITH MY PIERCED BODY...?

THAT SOME-THING

WAS ALWAYS GAZING AT HIM

HE ALWAYS FELT

BEING WATCHED FROM OVER HIS HEAD...

THE VIEW BECAME HIS OWN VIEW.

HE NOTICED THAT

AND THEN ONE DAY,

NOTHING.

BUT, HE STILL KEPT ON FEELING SOME-THING...

TRUTH IS THERE WAS NOTHING THERE AT ALL.

AS IF THERE WAS TWO OF HIM.

THE OTHER HIM, THAT GAZED AT HIMSELF

AND,

THERE WAS HIM, WITH HIS EYES.

MUCH MORE SHARPER THAN ANYONE COULD.

OTHER PEOPLES' FEELINGS

OR HIS OWN PERSPECTIVE

HE WAS ABLE TO FEEL

WITH HIS EXTREME OBJECTIVITY

CHAPTER 417
MEETING AGAIN

THE PLACE HE BE LONGED TO.

AND HE CHANG-ED

HE DISAP-PEARED.

BUT THEN, ONE DAY,

PROTOPOROS

THEN HE BECAME VERY SUCCESS-FUL IN ALL ASPECTS ....

JUST LIKE GAZING AT A PUZZLE.

...

SO, HIS EMOTIONS

ENDED UP BECOMING VIRTUAL.

HE BEGAN TO WANT TO GAZE AT EVERY THING.

INCLUD-ING HIS GAME.

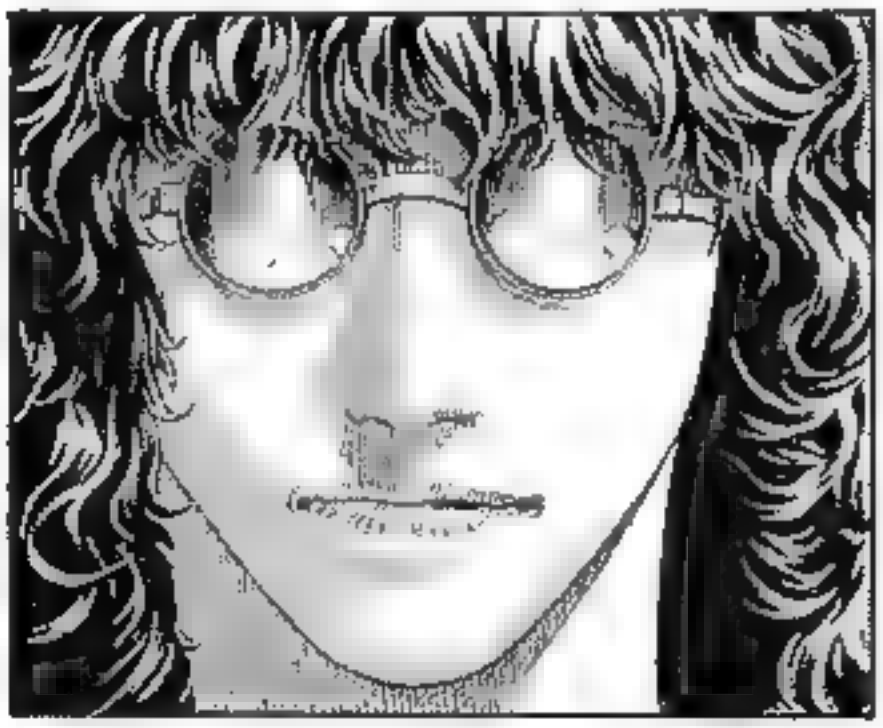
THIS MAN

BECAME JUST A PUPPET

THAT MOVES AS HE ORDERS.

THE SIDE OF THE ONE GAZING

HE MOVED TO



ARE YOU SEEING SOMETHING IN THE SKY?

パラ…

THERE IS NOTHING AT ALL.

THERE'S NO ONE GAZING AT YOU AT ALL.

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION.

DID YOU THINK YOU COULD GAZE OVER THIS WORLD

AS IF YOU WERE PLAYING A VIDEO GAME?

A MISTAKEN IDEA!!

PUSH

"JUST LIKE A GOD."

"SOMETIMES LEADING, SOMETIMES PUNISHING, SOMETIMES MANIPULATING,"

"I'M AN EXISTENCE WHO IS ABLE TO CONSIDER EVERYTHING PHILOSOPHICALLY."

U...

IT'S YOUR DELU-SION!!

RICHARD ARATA AND VINCENT LALO, THESE TWO... DIDN'T MATCH UP WELL...?

INSTEAD OF "OBJECTIVITY", IT'S MORE LIKE YOU'RE SEEING YOURSELF AS "SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS"

YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT YOU'RE DYING.

嗷嗷い㉙。

I KNOW HE'S STILL WATCHING_

HE'S WATCH-ING!!

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD!!

ME_

"YOURS" IS A FAKE ONE.

I TOLD YOU.

SHE SAW AN UGLY SHOW.

TWO "ECCENTRICS" FEEDING ON EACH OTHER...

...LEAVING ONLY ONE.

...THEY COULDN'T FORGIVE ANOTHER EXISTENCE LIKE THEM EXISTING.

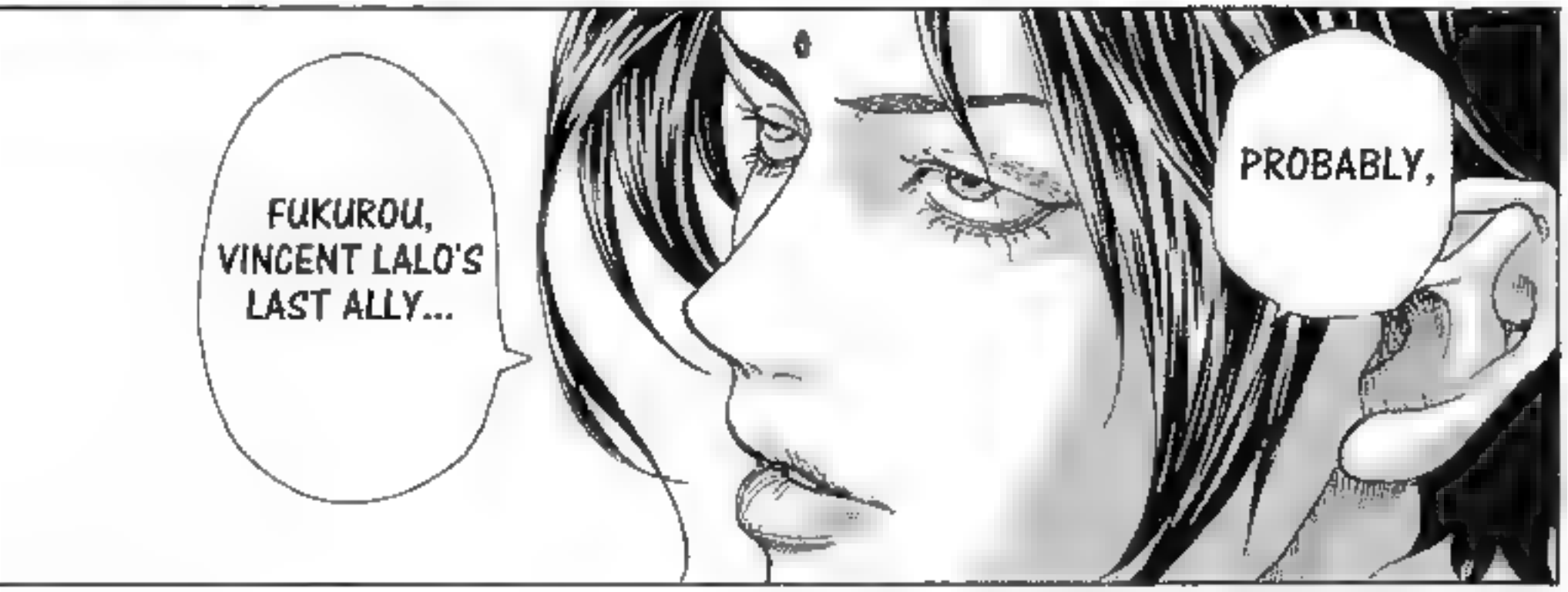
DIDN'T MATCH UP?

THEY ARE THE SAME KIND.

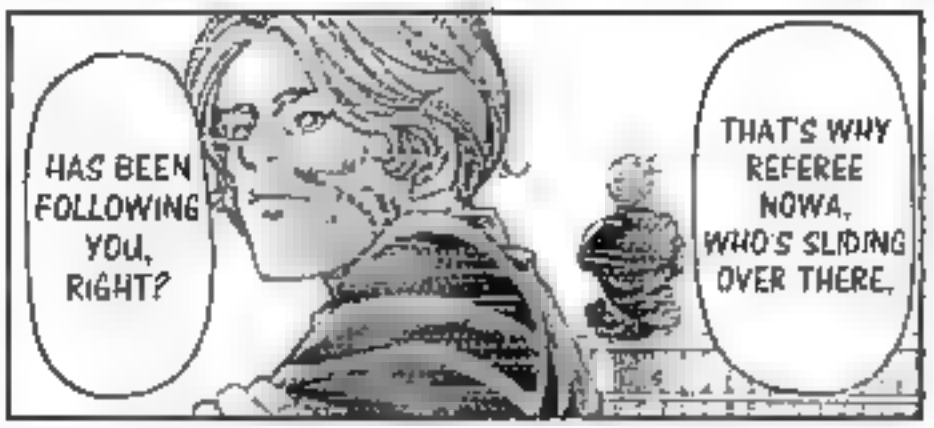
NO,

THAT'S A FAKE ONE.

DO YOU KNOW...
WHO I AM...?


FUKUROU, VINCENT LALO'S LAST ALLY...
PROBABLY,

THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN KILLED AT THE TIME.
IS THE PINCH HITTER GAMBLER


HAS BEEN FOLLOWING YOU, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY REFEREE NOWA, WHO'S SLIDING OVER THERE.

THIS YOUNG BOY

AS I THOUGHT ...
I FURTHER CONFIRMED IT WITH HIS VOICE.

!

BEEP BEEP

TO THINK YOU WERE THE HEAD OF KAKEROU...

IT SEEMS THOSE TWO REALLY WERE LIKE OIL AND WATER.

BEEP

IT CAN'T BE HELPED... AT LEAST, HE GOT THE "VEST".

!

OOOOO

RICHARD ARATA...

HE KILLED

LALO?

∞

LISTEN UP,

USOGUI, AND YOU...

THE "KAISER".

THE PLAN TO FORCEFULLY MAKE LALO THE "KAISER"

WAS PRAISE-WORTHY.

HOWEVER, WE WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK FROM THAT.

LV.100 ARATA
LV.80 MADARAME BK
LV.80 CHAMP
LV.80 RYUUSEI

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE NOT 100% GUARANTEED IN BECOMING THE NEW KINGS ANYMORE.

DID YOU ANTICIPATE SUCH A DAMAGING COUNTER-ATTACK?

!

RUN AWAY

UNSIGHT-FULLY.

JUST LIKE THAT TIME

WHEN YOU BECAME USOGUI'S SACRIFICE!

!

YOU'LL END UP REGRETTING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN,

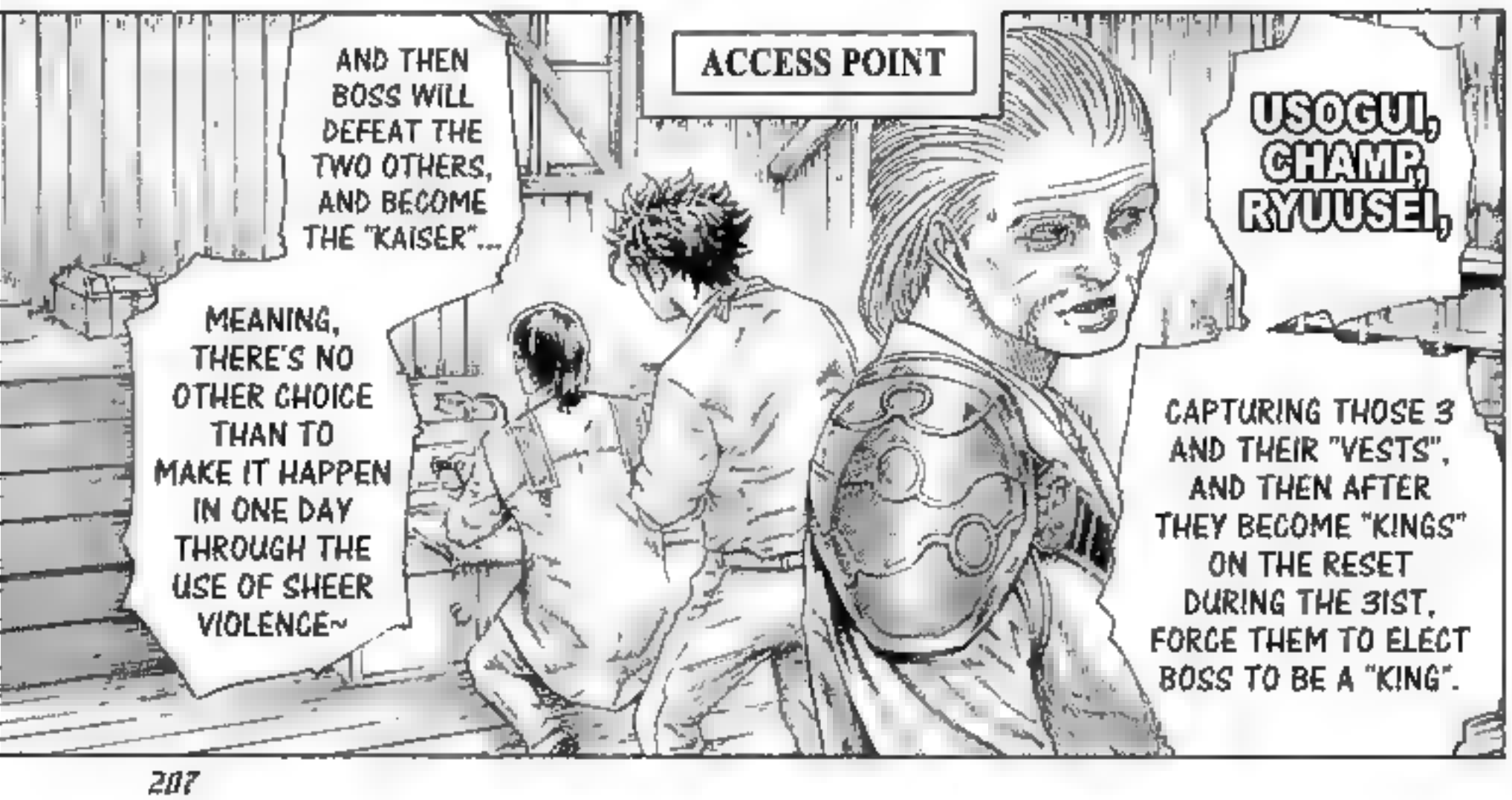
AND

LOSE CRUELLY !!

BAN INTRUDER

TORPE

RIGHT NOW, LEAVING THE "DEVELOPERS" TO "FUKUROU",
AND PURSUE THE ONES WHO WILL BECOME "KINGS", THAT'S BOSS'S PLAN.
IT WILL BECOME MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THE GAME SYSTEM NOW.
ARATA DIED,


AND THEN BOSS WILL DEFEAT THE TWO OTHERS, AND BECOME THE "KAISER"...
MEANING, THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO MAKE IT HAPPEN IN ONE DAY THROUGH THE USE OF SHEER VIOLENCE~
ACCESS POINT
USOGUI, CHAMP, RYUUSEI,
CAPTURING THOSE 3 AND THEIR "VESTS", AND THEN AFTER THEY BECOME "KINGS" ON THE RESET DURING THE 31ST, FORCE THEM TO ELECT BOSS TO BE A "KING".

SO WE CAN'T DETECT THEM EVEN IF THEY'RE IN THE ACCESS POINTS~

HOWEVER, OUR TABLET HAS BEEN DISABLED.

I SAW ONE OF THEM.

HOW-EVER.

APPEAR-ING ON AN ACCESS POINT!!

JUST BEFORE THE CONNECTION TO THE NETWORK STOPPED WORKING, I SAW ONE

AT THAT TIME,

POP

BEEP BEEP

WHAT!?

HUH!?

KAJI?

!!

MA-
MARCO!!

WELL,

BOSS'S DECISIONS ARE GODLIKE... WE CAN WIN, MR. BĂI LÓNG!!

THIS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE IF WE HAD SENT HIM TO SUPPRESS ARATA!

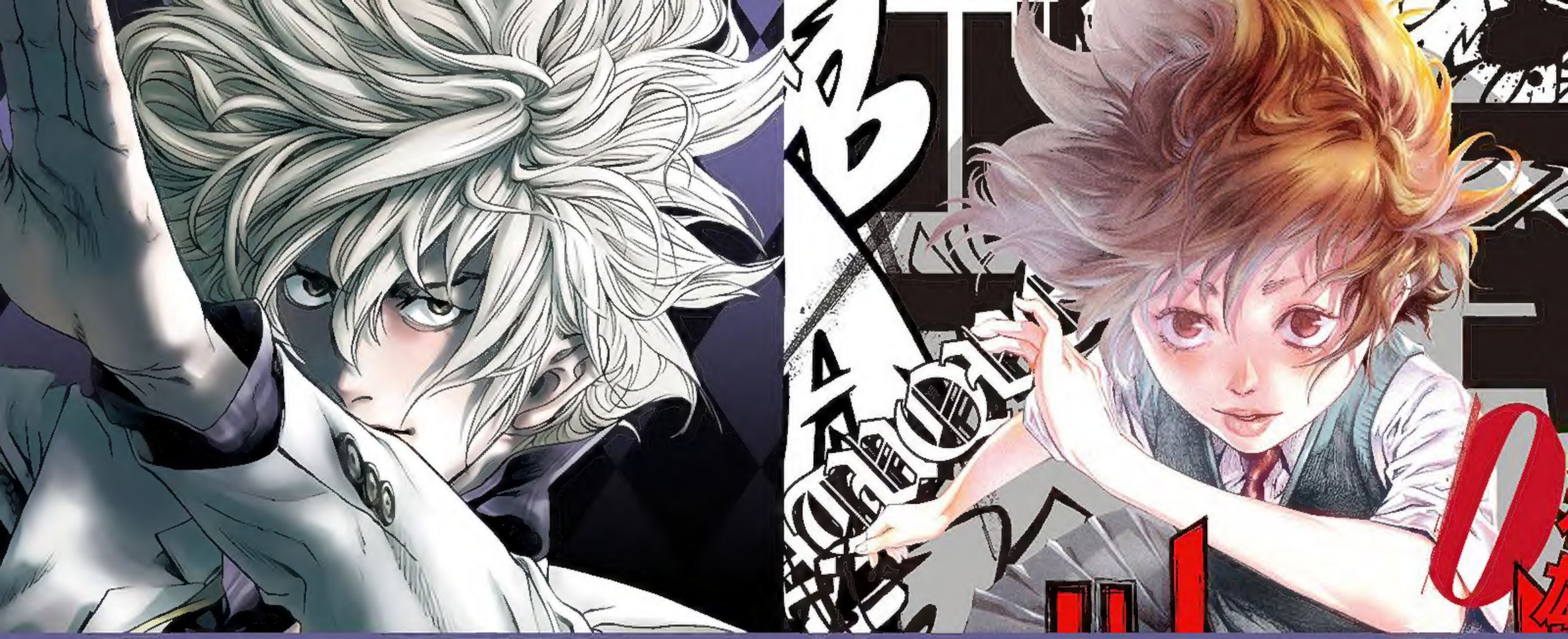
THIS IS A ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE TO HAVE MR. BĂI LÓNG CAPTURE USOGUI!!

CAN YOU FEEL IT WHEN

GEEZER.

WHAAAAT?

YOUR EARWAX STARTS GROWING?



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USOGUI SIDE STORY

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION?

?

"NEXT VOLUME, THE TABLE IS GOING TO BE FLIPPED OVER!!"

CAN YOU

CONTROL YOUR "EXCITEMENT"?

I SEE.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE OMAKE MANGA, "USOGUI SIDE STORY", RIGHT?

YOU NOTICED THAT MY EXCITEMENT BECAME WEAKER, RIGHT?

YOU CAN COMPARE THE ME IN THE LAST PAGE WITH THE CURRENT ME.

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING,

I LIKE THE 'CASUALLY-DRAWN ONE' MORE", YOU SAY?

"COMPARED TO THE ONE IN THE LAST PAGE,

HUH?

PEEK

"PEOPLE CAN'T FULLY CONTROL THEIR OWN EXCITEMENT"...

THAT'S AN UNEXPECTED ANSWER.

I'M TRYING TO GET RID OF THE OMAKE MANGA THIS TIME...

BY TALKING ABOUT *SUCH A* THING,

MY EXCITEMENT RETURNED A LITTLE BIT.

BUT!

I REALIZED THAT THIS IS NOT OKAY!

BUT MAYBE I'LL SOON ADD A 'RE' TO IT AND START IT AGAIN...

I'M ABOUT TO STOP THIS OMAKE MANGA.

MAYBE I WAS WRONG.

MAYBE EXCITE-MENT IS CONTROLL-ABLE.

YOU CAN!? WELL THEN...

WHAT?

FOR EXAMPLE, CAN YOU HAVE SEX WITH YOUR WIFE WITH THE SAME EXCITEMENT LIKE THE FIRST TIME YOU DID IT?

BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT PEOPLE CAN'T CONTROL THEIR EXCITE-MENT!!